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Who's Who and What's What

Dr. S. T. Matthews, pastor of Pine Street Church, Richmond, Va., passed away Sept. 25.

Pastor W. H. Roberson preaches in the meeting every night at Brandon Sept. 29 to Oct. 6. Two services on Sundays.

A new Baptist paper appears in Chicago, The Standard, the organ of the United Swedish Baptist Conference.

The Hazlehurst Messenger says that subscriptions to the new year's budget have been most encouraging in number and amount.

The Northern Baptist Convention will hold 125 conferences in its territory this winter, seeking to deepen the spiritual life in the churches.

Missionary R. L. Carlisle, sails October 19 for Montevideo, Uruguay. Jean Ray Carlisle, born August 21, 1940, Baptist Hospital, weight 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Two other children, Bobbie 5 and Betty Ruth 2. These Mississippians would be glad to hear from friends back home.

Van Winkle: Brother Juan Mauricio, superintendent of the Baptist work in Portugal from the Brazilian Baptist Convention speaks Sunday night at Van Winkle. Brother Herbert Baker of Baptist Bible Institute will interpret the message. A large crowd is expected.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, now has his office in Washington, D. C. Dr. Lewis succeeds in office Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of England who was made president of the Alliance. At present Dr. Lewis' address is 715 Eighth St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Pastor B. L. Mohon has Rev. C. M. Day with him in a meeting at Skene this week. Brother Day has helped in meetings at Centreville, Rev. Sam Waggoner pastor; at Liberty, at Zion Hill, at Holly Ridge, Rev. W. L. Jones pastor; and at Unity where Rev. L. F. Fowler is pastor. Good results in baptisms and reconsecrations.

Last year and this there was and is some confusion about what day to observe as Thanksgiving Day. If you take it from the Bible there will be no confusion. It says: "Giving Thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father," Eph. 5:20. You need not wait for somebody to settle the day. Make an offering today.

The Sunday School Board in its effort to provide in the fullest possible way for the spiritual needs of our young people has prepared a program for use on "Forward Young People's Day," Nov. 10. You would do yourself a favor, whether pastor or Sunday school superintendent, to write the Sunday School Board about it and get a copy of the program. Write to T. L. Holcomb, S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention, 161 8th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastor James Thorn reports a glorious revival at Raleigh, with Evangelist Barney Walker assisting, of whom he says, "I can think of no preacher among us who stays closer to the scriptures and preaches the whole gospel with more zeal or deeper conviction. He is quite clear in presenting the plan of salvation, and anybody who hears him will know the way of life. He is passionate in his desire to win souls. There were several additions and a real revival. He will leave a church with good spiritual atmosphere."

In a revival at Wichita, Kansas, where Evangelist Hyman Appleman preached and T. D. Carroll led the singing there were 270 conversions.

California goes ahead of Texas as the fifth in population. All the Southern states show increases. The Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma show decreases.

A recent news item from Bucharest says that the ban against Baptists and others in that country has been cancelled and they are once more permitted to hold their services. We cannot predict what the next news will bring.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, Mission Secretary of Texas Baptists, says: "Our hearts sing with joy because of the fact that Texas Baptists have gone beyond their goal of \$40,000 for the British emergency offering."

It is said that that Kagawa, a well known Christian leader in Japan, has been arrested for violation of some military order, and is in jail. No particulars as to the cause have come to this country. It still stands that they who would live righteously shall suffer persecution.

It is said that the United Methodist Church will combine six regional papers into one paper for general circulation. To our notion that is a good way to reduce the number of readers of a denominational paper. There is just as much reason for uniting all daily papers in the United States into one great paper.

The most significant news of last week seems to be the forming of a military alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan. It was not unexpected. The British and Americans seek to minimize its value by saying it will have no effect in the far east. The axis bloc are seeking to make it appear that it is not to the injury of Russia, which country assumes a surly neutrality, and goes its own way.

The churches which have not already done so will soon be making their budgets for the new year. It will add only a small amount comparatively to include the Baptist Record. This will minister to the spiritual development of your own people and help every good cause. And it will cost only eight and one-third cents a month for each family in the church. And it has in many churches greatly increased the financial support to the local work. Give it a trial.

From Dr. P. H. Anderson of the Baptist Bible Institute: I am writing to say a word on behalf of our students who are qualified to do pastoral work. We have a large number of this class who could render a real service to quarter-time and half-time churches within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles from New Orleans. We shall be glad to contact such churches. The Lord calls men to preach and the Lord opens fields for his preachers. In whatever we may do it will be our prayer and hope that we may be in line with his will. Pray for us.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about a young man who had committed a great sin, for them to "deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved unto the day of the Lord Jesus." Sometimes the Lord delivers a whole nation over to the devil for the same purpose. That a nation is conquerer does not necessarily mean that it is better than the conquered nation. It may be and sometimes is God's way of chastening the conquered nation, and purging it from the evils that have grown up in it. Are you not sometimes afraid for the future of your own country?

The Upper Room, a paper giving daily devotions has reached a circulation of 1,100,000.

Sunday school of First Church, Columbus, reached the record mark of 1,003 on Sept. 22. And in the Mission Sunday school there were 38.

Sunday, Sept. 22, was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministry of Rev. C. J. Olander. He is pastor at Tchula, where on that date there were six additions to the church totaling 24 who have come at the regular services since the fourth Sunday in June. May grace abound through the years to come.

Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro opened Sept. 16 with Merrill D. Moore as the new president and O. C. Miller as dean. Miss Edith Stokeley of Newport is the Baptist Student Secretary. The college curriculum includes a course to prepare young women for the position of church secretary.

On Sunday, September 22, 1940, at the Galilee Baptist Church of Gloster, Miss., George Moseley was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. George is a student at Mississippi College and after finishing there he hopes to attend the Seminary. George has a brother who is attending the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, Rev. Fred Moseley.—C.

The torpedoing of an English vessel loaded with children and other refugees from England was a blot on civilization. It is harder to conceive a more diabolical act, but the German government is committed to fiendishness. The articles appearing in the daily papers written by Rauschning, a former associate of Hitler reveal that deabolism is his weapon.

In the report of the Relief and Annuity Board published last week in the Baptist Record the figures were wrong in one item. Where it was said that the assets in 1928 were \$2,744.07, these figures should have been \$2,744,000.00 which is quite different. This board has grown in favor, in strength and in service from year to year, and its business is in the hands of as capable men as can be found in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rankin County Association: There are thirty-one churches in the association. Of this number twenty-eight reported. They report 215 Sunday schools, 14 B. T. U.'s, 14 W. M. U.'s. They report 251 baptisms. There were 28 Sunday schools last year, 21 W. M. U.'s, and 17 B. T. U.'s. There were 148 baptisms. These 28 churches reporting, gave to all purposes for home expenses, \$12,927.98; for all benevolence and missions, \$3,221.85. The three churches not reporting will alter these figures some.—J. W. Steen, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association.

The death of Dr. J. B. Hutton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, brings sorrow not only to his own people but to many in other denominations. He was a truly great Bible preacher. He was loyal to the Book as he understood it. He believed it is the word of God, and was outspoken in his convictions. He believed in civic righteousness and contended for it openly. He was a sincere friend of man. He was a wise leader. He did not seek to build up a great church of his own, but desired to extend the churches of his communion where they would do the most good. He was a minister of the gospel for half a century, and for most of that time in the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. The Capital City will miss him, as will many interests of his own denomination.

Sparks and Splinters

Rev. E. S. P'Pool of Hattiesburg writes from Anniston, Ala., that the Lord is graciously blessing the meeting in that city where he is preaching in a revival. Many are being saved.

If we had a half million subscribers to our state Baptist papers, and if these were read half way as well as they deserve to be, it would solve every promotional problem.—J. E. Dillard.

Southern Baptists must increase the circulation of our denominational papers if we are to meet the demands and opportunities of our day. J. E. Dillard.

Some generous soul recently gave to Rev. Hal Buckner and his wife, managers of the Texas Baptist Orphanage a beautiful new home near the institution.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett recently began his forty-fourth year as pastor of First Church, Dallas, by preaching to congregations that crowded the great auditorium, and welcoming 29 new members.

Evangelist T. C. Crume and singer Floyd Montgomery were with Hunter St. Church, Birmingham, in a good revival. Earl B. Edington the efficient pastor. There were some 80 additions. The church has a membership of 2100.

Pastor W. P. Davis of Lebanon Church, Springfield, Tennessee, has been greatly blessed in the past year's work, and is happy in the development of his people. He is now in the midst of plans for training schools in various departments of the work. Mississippi loaned him to Tennessee.

The Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' monthly conference will be held in First Church, Jackson, Oct. 14, beginning at 9:30 a. m., continuing till 12:15 p. m. Devotional by J. D. Walker; Bible Study by M. O. Patterson; Missions in the Light of World Conditions by Claud Bowen; Report of Commission of Twenty by A. B. Pierce; Sermon by C. C. Jones.

Rev. Don Norman who the Baptist and Reflector says has done excellent service for the Tennessee paper in promoting circulation and in enlarging the advertising business, now resigns his connection with that paper and goes to take a position with The Baptist Standard of Texas. The Texas paper has probably the largest circulation of any weekly Baptist paper in the world, but its ambition is not yet satisfied. But don't forget that The Baptist Record has the largest per capita circulation of any Baptist state paper.

Here is a book from the Sunday School Board which is timely and needed. It is "The Christian College" by Dr. H. I. Hester, Bible teacher in William Jewell College. There is no more important factor in the making of useful Christians today than the Christian college. It does not have the grip on our people that it should. Many do not know what our young people are missing in life, which cannot be made up by any other agency, when they send somewhere else rather than to a truly Christian school. Our young people ought to be made acquainted with the truths in this book. Price 60c in cloth binding and 40c in paper.

There is real danger that our Baptist work and our Baptist history will be seriously misrepresented in the publication of much of the work done by men and women employed by the government to gather facts and publish them about Baptist work. These things that are being assembled are apt to be only part of the truth and thus total misrepresentation. The figures of the United States Census Bureau about Baptists is an example of a totally misleading representation. And we see no reason to believe that it will be different with the work done by some other departments of the government. It seems to have been done, not for its historical value, but to give somebody a job. And there is real danger that it will throw all our history into confusion. Baptists will have to gather their own statistics and write their own history if these things are to have any value.

Pastor J. M. Cook of Bowmar Ave. Church, Vicksburg, writes that last week seven services in Grace Baptist Church resulted in fifteen additions, 14 by baptism. During his recent vacation, brother Cook preached 51 times and 38 were added to the churches, 31 by baptism.

Miss Gladys Mae Pino, a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, has been appointed chief stewardess for the Chicago and Southern Air Lines, and will direct the service and training program for air stewardesses for that organization. Miss Pino was selected from a group of more than 1,100 applicants.—L. J. Brsitow.

Rev. G. O. Parker of Magee helped in the revival meeting at White Oak Church, Smith County. Pastor Moulder says his messages were scriptural and in the power of the Spirit, one of the most pentecostal in a long time. There were 15 additions, eight by baptism. Young men started a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights and have good crowds and interest. The W. M. S. has an increased attendance. Evangelist Otis Perry is to be with the church Oct. 13-20. Brother Moulder is in his thirty-sixth year here as pastor.

Voice and piano students of the Baptist Bible Institute now have a building of their own. It is on Washington Avenue, a few steps from the campus. In addition to studios and reception room there are six practice pianos. All of this is on one floor and removed from contact with the Institute offices and classrooms. Music classes, as heretofore, meet in the Institute recitation building. The purchase and use of these new quarters was made possible through the gift of this property to the Institute by Dr. and Mrs. James E. Gwatkin.

The Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans is having a most gratifying opening, an increase even over the enrollment of the last session. President W. W. Hamilton says however that the faculty are not so much interested in great numbers as in having those come who are definitely called of God and who are led to the Institute in answer to prayer. The faculty very earnestly prays that God will send to the Institute those who should come, those who will "adorn the doctrine," and that he will keep away those who should not come. The faculty feels that in the many well prepared and purposeful young men and women who are entering this prayer is being answered.

Sherman: The church here is moving along nicely. The Sunday school is doing good work and attendance has held up well through the summer. Rev. Robert W. Martin preached for our revival meeting. The people came to love him and we had a good revival with eight additions to the church. Prayer meeting has been started in the church and attendance is good though there is much room for improvement. The pastor is backed by a loyal board of deacons. The Cooperative Program is in the budget on the percentage basis. Though a bit behind at this time we will be able to come to the end of the year with all obligations met. There are four B. T. U.'s and four W. M. U. organizations. We hope to send the Record to every family in the church beginning very soon. The people are all good to their pastor.

Associations meeting next week are: Jones County at Fairfield Church Oct. 7 (at night) and Oct. 8; Carroll County at Poplar Springs Church Oct. 8; Panola County at Courtland Oct. 8; Clay County at Enon Church Oct. 8; Union Association at Union Church Oct. 9; Smith County at Mt. Carmel Church Oct. 9-10; Lincoln County at Harmony Oct. 9-10; Marion County at Improve Church Oct. 10; Jackson County at Red Creek Union Oct. 10; Tallahatchie County at Tutwiler Oct. 10; Covington County at Union Sr. Oct. 10; Kosciusko at Bear Creek Oct. 10; Yazoo County at Holly Bluff Oct. 10; Leake County at New Zion Oct. 10-11; Mississippi Association at Mt. Pleasant Oct. 10-11; Pearl River at Carriere Oct. 10-11; Lawrence County at Arm Oct. 10-11; Holmes County at Mt. Pleasant Church Oct. 10-11; Itawamba County at Pleasant Ridge Church Oct. 11; and Winston County at Poplar Flat Oct. 10-11.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"FUNERALS"—(Continued)

The funeral of a saint of God is a time for rejoicing. They have entered into life without the limitations to which it is subject here. They have been emancipated from the struggle with temptation, the pursuit of sin. They have been lifted to life that is free from the hurt and trials of our earthly existence. They have entered into the fulfillment of their inheritance in Christ.

Many a time the funeral of a saint has brought a spiritual uplift and quickening whose glow and strength has remained for days and weeks afterwards.

Their going has brought to us a consciousness of the fulfillment of the promise of Christ, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

We ought to emphasize and strongly indoctrinate our people with the fact that death for the redeemed of the Lord is to lose that which hurts, to retain that which is of value, and to gain that which in glory and richness of life is the wondrous reward which the grace of God has prepared for those who trust him.

(Continued next week)

I SING FOR THESE

Let others sing for the great hero,
Who proudly scales the heights of fame.
I sing for the ones that few men know,
For the ones unknown to wild acclaim.

I gladly sing for the fainting toiler
Whose back is breaking beneath his load.
He is enslaved by his despoiler
Who makes his path a lonely road.

I sing for the one that grieves alone;
So long forgotten and sick at heart.
Who is too callous to even moan
Or feel the sting of a fiery dart.

I sing for one who died on a cross,
Who died to take our burdens away.
His love atones for all our loss
And turns black night to fairest day.

—Wm. James Robinson.

Dr. Webb Brame, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, has been retired as Lt. Colonel of the Mississippi National Guard. He was chaplain in the army during the world war and has been serving since then with the National Guard. He was an exceedingly popular officer as he has been a pastor.

Rev. J. R. Eubanks of Greenville on Sept 14 performed the marriage ceremony for his brother, Sargt. E. P. Eubanks of the U. S. Marines and Miss Lillian Hale of the Treasury Department in Washington. The ceremony was at Edgewater Beach, Md. Brother Eubanks and his wife took the occasion to motor to Washington, New York, Niagara Falls and Louisville, and had a delightful trip.

Is it still true that the children of this age are wiser than the children of light? It is said that around Camp Shelby just below Hattiesburg, where more than 40,000 soldiers are to be trained, the liquor people have already leased a good part of the property that they may be ready to supply the demand for alcoholic drinks. The Baptist pastors in Hattiesburg are concerned about the situation and are conferring with Secretary McCall about providing religious services and a Christian atmosphere. Evangelist M. E. Perry is holding meetings near the camp. There is a Baptist Church at McLaurin near the camp, but it is pastorless. Our State Board and the Home Board can work here to good advantage, and there is no time to lose.

TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

Fraternal Visitor—W. W. Hamilton

So eager was I to attend this sixtieth annual session of the National Baptist Convention here in Birmingham that I appointed myself as fraternal visitor from the Southern Baptist Convention. Since coming there has been a great blessing received by me, and I am reminded of the brother who said he had received the third and fourth and on and on. He had skipped the "second" because he said it has made such fools of so many who said they had received it. Your convention has been a great joy to me. May God continue to lead you on to greater and better things and continue to guide your good and wise leaders!

Dr. Shepardson, the wheel chair evangelist, it is told, once asked Dr. R. T. Vann of North Carolina if he did not wish for hands. Dr. Vann was born without hands. His reply was, "No, he accepted the providence trustfully." Dr. Shepardson later pressed the question further, and said, "But, Dr. Vann, didn't you ever wish for hands, that you might touch the hands of others, and do so many things impossible to do without hands." "Well, yes, but I long ago determined that I would just be the best R. T. Vann possible, and not worry over other things I might have done." You and I cannot be an L. K. Williams, but we can determine just to be our own best for the Master and for his cause in the world.

There are three passages of Scripture I would bring to you today. "Ye are my witnesses," and "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself for the battle," and "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Faithful at the cost of life! Faithful to the point of dying!

The conditions under which we live are not strange. They are distressing! They are revealing! They are just what man always makes them, except for the grace of God. We need no Bible to tell us how wicked the heart of man is. Allowed to do what he wants he will show his wicked heart, out of which today there pours a flood of war and crime and inhumanity and selfishness and shame. Dr. E. Y. Mullins used to say that we must always contend against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sometimes one will be more prominent than the others, but they are all present all the time, and only the changed heart can conquer them. A young woman once found that she was the only one in her college who had registered as a Christian, and she said, "Since I am the only one claiming to know Jesus, I must not fail him."

Our needs are the same just as conditions are the same. People are lost. They need a Saviour. They need a new heart. They need the birth from above. They need the great Intercessor. They need the Holy Spirit to teach and guide and keep them. They need to love Jesus and their fellowmen. They need to follow the Master and bear their own cross on to their own Cavalry. Except they be upheld by divine grace, they will soon show that they are not his sheep and that they are not of Christ's fold. They went out from us because they were not of us. People sometimes speak of "falling stars." No, they are falling meteors. Stars do not fall. The saved are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last day. When two men are going down the road with a dog following them you may not know whose dog it is until they come to the parting of the ways. Then the dog will follow his master, and I would hate for a dog to be more faithful to his master than I am to mine.

Our assets are the same. We have the same Bible, the same God, the same Saviour, the same Holy Spirit, the same gospel, the same salvation, the same intercessor, the same New Testament churches, the same need of witnesses, the same baptism and Lord's Supper, the same obligation to preach the Word to the whole world, the same hell to shun and the same heaven to win. Dr. P. S. Henson used to tell of the plain way in which they buried people when he was a

boy growing up in the country in Virginia. He told of the plain pine box and the humble grave yard and the dull thud of the clods which once heard can never be forgotten. He said, we do not bury people that way now, with our costly caskets, our beautiful cemeteries, our great care in preventing all the needless shocks, and our covering all up with flowers. Said Dr. Henson, "We do not bury people now as they did when I was a boy, but death is just the same. It is just the same! It is just the same!!" Men and women may use euphonious terms and philosophical flowers to cover up eternity, but hell is just the same as when Jesus preached it.

Thank God, our victories are the same. We can still be saved from sins. We can still love Jesus truly, and take our task seriously, and live consistently, and give faithfully, and we can still trust Jesus fully. Never can I forget the time as a ten year old boy when Jesus came into my heart. I had been going to the mourner's bench every night for about two weeks, and somehow the sin-convicted boy could not find the way. One day my mother said for me to go up stairs to a designated room, and there talk to Jesus for myself. As the boy started up the stairs the wise and praying mother gave the lad this prayer, "Here Lord, I give myself to thee. It is all that I can do." The boy does not remember all of his prayer, but he does recall that he told the Saviour he had done all he knew to do. Then he said, "Now, Lord, if you do not save me I am gone. Here Lord I give myself to thee." It is all that I can do." Something took place in the lad's heart, and the song of joy continues unto this glad day.

As Southern Baptists, as National Baptists, we have a world to win to Jesus. We must expect great things from God and undertake great things for God. We must revive evangelism in every Baptist church and carry the message to the destitute places, until not one can truthfully say, "No man cared for my soul." A Negro preacher came to see me once in Beaumont, and said that he used to work in my father's hotel and that my father had more to do with his conversion than anyone except his own mother.

We must win the lost, and we must build them up in the faith once for all delivered to the saints. We must train our people to stand for the doctrines of the New Testament. While Baptists and Negro Baptists must stand for a regenerated church membership, for the ordinances as Jesus gave them, for voluntariness in obedience, for individual responsibility to God, for a free church in a free state, for true Christian unity and not for a man planned mechanical union, for liberty of conscience to all men of any faith and of no faith, for a life of separation from the world, and for a readiness and even an eagerness to be faithful witnesses even to the point of dying for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD

During my first year at the Seminary, I began the use of a good cross-index filing system. This enabled me to put away—where they could be found—many good things, from many sources, that would otherwise have been thrown away or hopelessly lost in a mass of unsorted papers. In this way literally hundreds of pieces of valuable material have been made and kept available.

Almost every week there is something in the Record that I consider worthy of a place in this permanent and ever growing reference file. Some of the things in recent months thus preserved are: Dr. Lipsey's expository editorials on Romans and Ephesians; some of Pastor Hodge's "Every Christian Should Know" series; Dr. W. C. Taylor's "Roman Catholic Myths"; Dr. Clyde Breland's "Picture of Jesus," a study on the Lord's Supper; and Dr. Norman Cox' biographical sketch of "Barnabas—the First Foreign Missionary," to mention only a few.

My testimony, to our great Mississippi Baptist fraternity, is that everything in the Record is worth reading, and much of it is worth keeping.

B. Frank Smith.

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE

1. It is a fact that the first gospel preacher was a Baptist—Matt. 3:1; Mark 1:1-5; Luke 16:16.

2. It is a fact that Jesus was baptized in Jordan by a Baptist minister.—Matt. 3:13-16; Mark 19.

3. It is a fact that the apostles were baptized by a Baptist minister.—John 1:32-40; Acts 1:21-22.

4. It is a fact that the first church organized was composed of baptized believers.—Matt. 10:1, 17-18; Acts 8:36, 11-17.

5. It is a fact that the 3,000 converts on the day of Pentecost all joined the Baptist church which Christ organized.—Acts 2:41, etc.

6. It is a fact that Paul the apostle was a Baptist.—Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:5.

7. It is a fact that the apostles taught that every church member should be a regenerated person.—Acts 2:38, 41; 10:43, 48.

8. It is a fact that each member was buried with Christ in baptism.—Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12.

9. It is a fact that no believer was received for six months on suspicion, nor was the prodigal Son kept in the woodshed a few months before being invited into the house. But each believer was taken into full membership as soon as he believed and had been baptized.—Acts 2:41-47; Gal. 3:27; I Col. 12:13-27.

10. It is a fact that all members of the church were on equality before God and each other.—Acts 2:44; Matt. 23:8-10; 25-40.

11. It is a fact that they had a republican form of government.—Acts 1:23-26; 13-1-3; 6:1-6; 15-22.

12. It is a fact that the Word of God was their only rule of faith and practice.—Acts 26:22-23; Rev. 22:18-19.

13. Then is it not a fact that such a New Testament church should be the home of every believer in Jesus?—Acts 2:47; last part of the verse.—Copied.

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NOW CLUB—(Continued from page 7)

(Mrs. J. A. Anderson, worker).

No. 752 for \$36, W. M. S. Bethesda in Oktibbeha, (Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, worker).

No. 713 for \$36, member Doddsville, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 50 for \$50 member Tutwiler, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 225 for \$100, member Cleveland, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 712 for \$36, member Skene, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 704 for \$36, No. 705 for \$36, No. 706 for \$36, No. 707 for \$36, No. 708 for \$36, No. 709 for \$36, No. 710 for \$36, No. 711 for \$36, No. 4 for \$50, No. 5 for \$50, No. 175 for \$50, No. 224 for \$100, each from a member of Rosedale Church, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 643 for \$36, No. 240 for \$50, each from a member of Zion Church in Pontotoc County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 238 for \$50, member Pontotoc Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 644 for \$36, member Providence Church in Choctaw County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 638 for \$36, No. 639 for \$36, No. 640 for \$36, No. 641 for \$36, No. 239 for \$50, No. 253 for \$100, No. 254 for \$100, No. 255 for \$100, each from a member of Toccopola Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 597 for \$36, No. 598 for \$36, No. 599 for \$36, No. 600 for \$36, No. 601 for \$36, No. 602 for \$36, No. 645 for \$36, No. 646 for \$36, No. 236 for \$50, No. 237 for \$50, each from a member of Ackerman, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 595 for \$36, No. 596 for \$36, each from a member at Starkville, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 251 for \$100, member Pleasant Grove Church in Chickasaw County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 235 for \$50, member Bethesda Church in Oktibbeha, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 603 for \$36, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 252 for \$100, (McLaurin, field worker).

EDITORIALS

WHY LUKE WROTE

We are to study for the next six months in our Sunday schools the Gospel of Luke. It was addressed to a friend whom Luke calls Theophilus, literally a "friend of God," the same title given to Abraham, and one that may be coveted above any other. Jesus called his disciples "friends," because he took them into his confidence and told them everything.

And that's the way people feel about their friends. They want somebody to whom they can tell everything, so that there shall be no reserve or fear, but a complete community of interest. Luke wanted Theophilus to know everything which he had learned. If we have learned any good news we wish to tell it, to share it. A joy shared is a joy doubled. A sorrow shared is a sorrow divided.

Luke says that many had taken in hand to set forth those things which are most surely believed among us. It is a particularly Christian impulse. Those early disciples were eager to tell what they knew about Jesus. It was the main subject of conversation among them. It was to them the most important thing in the world, and they talked about it everywhere. It had so redirected their lives and taken possession of their thinking that they "could not but speak the things which they had seen and heard." John in writing his first Epistle voiced what others had felt: "That which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life, declare we unto you." The religion of Jesus from the beginning was a live issue and a life producing message. They went everywhere preaching the gospel.

Beside the oral testimony of these early disciples, there were doubtless many who put it into writing. They did this for the purpose of preserving the facts and truths of the gospel; and to make it known to a wider circle whom they could not personally reach. These would be of value to those who later wished to make a full and accurate account of the spread of the gospel. Most of them have perished, probably did not live beyond their generation.

But the Lord purposed that the essential facts in proper order should be preserved. He laid his hand on Luke who according to the testimony of all could and did write most beautifully and accurately about the events of these first days of the gospel message. Luke evidently made use of such of those early writings as he found to be most trustworthy; for he says he consulted eyewitnesses and ministers of the word and traced accurately the course of all things from the first. He took pains to know the facts and he made comparisons to enable him to give us the exact truth.

This is in no wise inconsistent with the fact that he wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit illumined his mind, directed his research, enabled him to determine the facts and above all guided his mind and his pen in giving proper and exact expression to the truth. There was no drowsy spiritualistic seance by which he arrived at the truth. He was no medium through which spiritual forces made their communication. He was alive to his fingertips, and we mean literally fingertips. His mind was responsive to the working of the Spirit, and he wrote as he was "moved by the Holy Spirit."

All of this, as Luke says was that we might know the certainty of those things about which we were instructed.

God went to great pains to give us and the world the truth concerning the gospel. There was nothing haphazard about it. These writers did not follow cunningly devised fables when they made it known to us. It was gotten from eyewitnesses, was carefully digested, sifted, weighed. And all that we might "know the certainty." We may be grateful for that. And we

can give it full credence, accept the teaching without fear, commit ourselves to it as the way of life, and follow it that we may come into possession of the fulness of His kingdom. Matthew, Mark and John had lived with Jesus. Luke took pains to find out all the truth about him. And we are grateful that he passed it on to us.

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RELIGION IN THE HOME Ephesians 5:22-33

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By religion in the home we do not mean singing hymns, having prayers, reading the Bible, nor even religious instruction. Those things are absolutely essential for the maintenance of religion, and should by no means be lacking in any home. But we mean religion that expresses itself in proper human relations. Paul is speaking of the every day manifestation of religion in life, in human relations.

Later he will speak of the relationship of parents and children, and of servants and masters. But he begins this with the relationship of husband and wife. Religion, or the acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus, must have its proper exemplification in the relationship of husband and wife, their attitude toward one another. All the pious exercises of religion are in vain if they do not result in a home of harmony and love and peace. Religion must determine human relationships, must purify them and sweeten them.

That it may do this there are certain fundamental principles which are necessary to be observed, principles that from the beginning have been factors in the making of a home. Failure to observe these has made for unhappiness and has resulted in the disruption of the home, a calamity which increases today in frequency with tragic results.

The first of these injunctions is, "Wives be in subjection unto your own husbands as unto the Lord." Notice "your own" husbands. There is an exclusiveness in the marriage relationship. Here is an obligation that does not obtain elsewhere. "Your own" separates a man and wife from all others. There is just one man to whom a woman owes allegiance; and the husband must retain this singular affection for the woman who becomes his wife.

And remember that in every establishment, whether it be domestic, financial, political, religious or any other sort whatsoever, there must of necessity be one executive and responsible head. There can be no order without this. It is impossible to escape confusion if this fact is not recognized.

It is better to find this out before marriage, and let this have something to do with determining whom you marry. It may be true sometimes that the wife is better than the husband; she may have more sense than he has. We have seen places where subordinates seemed to have more sense than their superior officers, but this does not entitle them to run things. Indeed if they have good sense they will recognize the propriety of following the one who has the responsibility of decisions. Here is where good sense comes into exercise. Order is the first law of heaven, and it is the same way in the home, if it is to be a little heaven on earth.

As unto the Lord may mean as unto your lord; or it may mean as a matter ordained of the Lord. Work it out for yourself. The marriage relationship is similar to that between Christ and the church. Each is illustrative of the other. But in both cases a complete recognition of the principle is necessary—"in everything." Christ is Saviour of the body because He is Lord. He cannot be responsible for its salvation if submission to Him is not given. If the husband is to be responsible for the welfare of the family, he must be in position of the head of the family.

The responsibility of the husband and his duties are as binding as those of the wife. All of these will he fulfill if he loves his wife as Christ loved the church, with the same wholehearted, sacrificial devotion; willing to give his all for the welfare of the wife. Her interests are uppermost

in his mind. Her pleasure and profit are the inspiration and end of all his endeavors.

This relationship and this devotion to his wife takes precedence over everything else. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh." Their interests in life are identical, and their labor and aims should be in accord to the last degree.

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THE COMMISSION OF TWENTY

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There is one point on which the recommendations of the Commission to the Convention do not seem to harmonize with each other. In one place we read, "The Commission finds alumnae debts (they seem to be feminine in both cases) at Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College, such debts having been made for substantial improvements which are assets to these respective schools. It is shown that these debts are without legal status, but are recognized as moral obligations on Mississippi Baptists; therefore we recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention that plans be set in operation to pay the debts, such plans to be worked out by the Boards of Trustees of the two schools, not to conflict with any other Convention plan."

Now put this by the side of another recommendation of the Commission, namely: (We recommend) "that the Convention reiterate its position taken for several years that no additional debts be made by any agencies of the Convention. It is further recommended that the Convention positively go on record stating that in case any agency whatever, in any wise related to the Convention work make any further debts without first securing definite approval of the Convention, then the Convention will not consider itself either morally or legally bound for such indebtedness."

There is no questioning that the debts above referred to were made without authorization of the Convention; and that the refusal to recognize such obligation is not a new regulation, but is a reiteration of action already taken by the Convention. Are these specific cases to be made an exception? Or how shall we solve this apparent contradiction? Are the debts on other departments alone to be repudiated, for every one of them that has a debt incurred it without authorization of the Convention, with the possible exception of the Convention Board. In no case did the Commission "formulate a practical plan to meet these needs."

One other item of the report may need explanation. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to act as trustee of the Woman's College property and endowment while temporarily suspended. Why appoint another trustee when there is a board of trustees who hold legal title to the property and are responsible for its management? This is the plan that has been pursued in the case of Clarke College: the Board of Trustees are responsible for the property. If the present personnel of the Board is not acceptable, a new one can be appointed, but the trustees are the representatives of the Convention, fixed by the constitution. The trustees are subject to instruction from the Convention.

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The Baptist Record will be grateful for a copy of the programs of the State Baptist Convention and the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference for publication in the Record as soon as the committees are ready to report.

The government is preparing for the coming of over 50,000 soldiers to Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg. Buildings are going up rapidly and the men are expected within a few weeks. They come from Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. This has quickened the pace of business marvelously in that magic city of 25,000 people. The churches will be unable by themselves to fully meet the new responsibilities which are on them. It is the mission problem of our Convention Board and of the Home Board. There is a possibility that the buildings and grounds of the Woman's College may be used to take care of the families of officers. Things are happening fast.

BONES

A good many years ago on the way out to preach at Refuge Church in Bolivar County we got off the train at Beulah. While waiting for passage out to the country church we were standing near a butcher's stall run by a colored man. Another of the same "persuasion" came up and wanted "some meat without no bones in it." The ebony proprietor replied: "Now look-a-here, nigger, bin killn cows for ten years, an' I ain't never seen one what ain't got no bones in it."

It all comes back to me when I hear the brethren complain about the machinery or mechanics in our denominational work. I confess to a good deal of sympathy with them; just as I was in sympathy with the colored brother who wanted his meat with no bones in it. I can't eat the bones, and I don't enjoy the clatter of machinery. But you are not going to get much done without some machinery, and cows don't grow unless they have some bones in them.

Right under my desk where I am writting this little editorial is the printing office and the press on which the Baptist Record is run off. It is making a lot of noise. People ask me sometimes: "Doesn't that racket bother you?" I am not particularly fond of the racket, but I get used to it. And this I know if we didn't have a press and a printing office somewhere around, we wouldn't have any Baptist Record. You can't get along without some mechanics.

I know you can't get along with mechanism alone. But some mechanism is a necessity to the mental and spiritual life of the world. We have our Bibles today by the millions because of the mechanical printing press, and all life today, all education, all progress depends on the mechanical works which spread the truth.

And that's about the way with our young people's work and our Sunday school work, and most of our other work. It looks sometimes like we have a heap of machinery. We have programs and standards and conferences and budgets and a lot of machinery. But they have produced and are producing genuine spiritual results. The hoe and the plough and all the farm machinery put turnips and potatoes and syrup and bread on our tables. And we can thank God for the fruits of our various organizations if they produce genuine spiritual results. If we have any meat we must have some bones on which the meat grows.

The Religious Herald gives a group picture of five Chinese alumni of Richmond University who are now teaching in a Baptist academy in Canton, China.

Some of the brethren are saying that if it is true that the Southern Baptist Convention had no right to accept an invitation to join the World Council of Churches, than it had no right to decline to join. That's funny if anything silly can be funny. The Convention had to say something in answer to the invitation. Should it sit up like a tarbaby and say nothing. That's too much like the subnormal boy whose father told him not to say anything to people who spoke to him, so that people would not find out he was a fool. He followed instructions, and when somebody spoke to him and got no reply at all he was called a fool. So he had to tell his father when he got home that the folks found it out anyhow.

It is sometimes said in defense of or apology for the public debt of the United States, that we owe it to ourselves. Is it true? Do not people in the other nations buy U. S. bonds? And suppose that all of the bonds were owned in this country, it still is questionable whether it can be truly said that we owe it to ourselves. A small fraction of the millions of Americans own bonds. We owe the debt to this small percentage. They have credited the government. If the government should default these are the ones who lose. If the government does not default, the rest of us pay and clip no coupons. This debt business will produce a swimming in the head and a sinking in the heart before it is over. Many of the largest countries of the world have defaulted, and the end is not yet.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

A GOOD ELEVEN MONTHS' RECORD

During the past eleven months one state worker, Rev. E. D. Estes, State Evangelist, in addition to his many other duties, has turned in 239 subscriptions. His record is as follows:

November	30
December	41
January (1940)	51
February	19
March	26
April	15
May	24
June	56
July	25
August	17
September	35

Total 239

Would that others over the State

FALKNER

Rev. R. M. Lewis of Chalybeate is the pastor at Falkner. The people speak well of him and his work. As the recent Tippah County Association met at Falkner church, Pastor Lewis called a meeting of the Falkner messengers after adjournment of the Association. We explained the E F Plan, they liked it and have since presented it to the church and a list has already been received. And now Tippah County probably has the largest Baptist Record circulation ever. Tippih County circulation is listed as follows: Shady Grove 1; BLUE MOUNTAIN 138; Chalybeate 41; Dumas 2; R. F. D. Ripley 3; RIPLEY 73; Route 1; Tiplersville 1; Tiplersville 20; Providence 2; WALNUT 46; R. F. D. Walnut 4; Route 1, Blue Mountain 1; FALKNER 14.

HARRISBURG

Rev. W. E. Ferguson and the Harrisburg saints are determined to get out of debt. They have gotten it down to about \$300 and are expecting to "owe no man anything" by January first. We spoke to a called meeting of the deacons and explained the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. The pastor and deacons expressed their interest and before long we hope to have more Records going to Harrisburg.

Lee County's circulation is NOW as follows: Tupelo First 7; Calvary 9; Plantersville 65; Harrisburg 1; BALDWIN 42; SHANNON 24; VERONA 43; SALTILLO 42; Belden 1; Nettleton 4; Sherman 2; BREWER 17; RICHMOND 12; Tupelo Second 1.

ALCORN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Some things we liked about the Alcorn Association. They changed their date to conform to the recent suggested schedule printed in the Record. Several others have also done this. They gave us enough time to speak without having to race against the clock. They as others do, let you know you are welcome. We proved our thanks between 12 noon and one p.m. Officers elected were E. E. Hooker, Moderator; J. T. Talley, Assistant Moderator and J. O. White, Clerk. Tishomingo Chapel church and pastor Wilbanks proved excellent hosts for the association. Several expressed an interest in the EVERY FAMILY Plan and hope to have it adopted shortly.

Alcorn County Record readers are listed as follows: RIENZI 37; R-3 Rienzi 1; Corinth First 20; WEST CORINTH 33; KOSSUTH 11; MAY'S CREEK 3; Jacinto 10; Kemp's Chapel 10; County Line 1; Lovejoy 10; Glenn 1; Tate Street 10.

MADISON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Camden church and pastor Franck Lee delightfully entertained the Madison County Association.

Knowing a good moderator when they see one, Brother C. E. Lane was reelected Moderator. Brother A. A. Burns refused reelection as clerk and Rev. Jas. D. Walker was elected. As always, Moderator Lane was very considerate of the visitors and we were given a good place to reveal the advantages of the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Madison County's Record readers are listed as follows: Flora 7; Camden 12; Canton 138; Center Terrace 67; Madison 22; R-1 Camden.

Every Family Plan Approved At Senatobia Dear brother Goodrich:

For nearly two years now The Record has been coming into our homes on the EF plan. Every department of our work has reflected the inspiration it brings and I am glad the plan is spreading. We at Senatobia commend it most heartily.—H. L. Martin, pastor.

Over 1,200 persons participated in the promotion exercises of the First Baptist Church last Sunday when Superintendent A. L. May conducted the annual promotion program. One of the largest attendances ever recorded were present for the program and groups from the cradle roll, beginners, primary, juniors, and intermediates were promoted.

Plans are underway for a fall membership enlargement to push the enrollment past the 2,000 mark.

Preliminary to the annual evangelistic meeting at First Church in Jackson study courses in evangelism are being conducted. The study groups are sponsored by the Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and W. M. U.

Two books are being offered. One is being taught by Mrs. T. E. Stephenson and the other by Owen Cooper.

The proportion of automobile accidents due to drinking doubled in 1939 over the number in 1933.

Rankin County Association churches reported 246 baptisms for the past year, with four churches still to report.

There is still a good deal of tweedle dee and tweedle dum in the world. If the Southern Baptist Convention should say it has no authority to accept or decline an invitation to join the World Council, is that not declining the invitation? However the motion made and carried was to decline the invitation. There was no side-stepping.

Some months ago the papers were carrying accounts of a funeral service held for an old gentleman who insisted on having it all over while he was alive. The people met at a church, including the live corpse and the whole ceremony was gone through as if the man had died. He is said to have gone from the "funeral" well satisfied with the whole performance. It was a queer notion of as eccentric. But we have sometimes wondered if it might not awake some of those dead in sin for some preacher who knows them to preach their funerals before hand, and tell the truth about them. Of course it would not do to call the names, but they could be pretty well described. It is probable that a good many folks would be asking, "Is it I?"

We were glad to get a copy of a new book by Dr. W. B. Riley who seems to find time to write many good books beside being pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis and President of the Northwestern Training School. This book is entitled "Rethinking The Church." It is not a stale discussing of the church on the usual pattern, but is a live practical discussion of the subject that will prove helpful to those who wish to see the church fulfill its mission. A good idea of the treatment can be seen from the following chapters: 1. The New Testament Church, 2. The Church The Kingdom In Embryo, 3. New Testament Church Evangelism, 4. The Meaning And Value of Worship, 5. Philip A Model Church Layman, 6. The Church In A Storm At Sea, 7. The Church After Nineteen Hundred Years. Dr. Riley has himself been used of the Lord in building a great church. The publisher is Fleming H. Revell; price \$1.00.

A COMMON MISINTERPRETATION

By Gordon Hurlbutt, Th.D.

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 "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21).

Every few days, for years, I have seen that saying of Jesus quoted in some religious paper with an interpretation intended to support separation of Church and State, or paying taxes, or the tithe law. (I believe in separation of Church and State, but not because of Matt. 22:21). I have never seen any interpretation save this narrowly literal one, even by preachers and teachers who ought to know better: for example, the passage was so used in a book by a professor in the Yale Divinity School; and, when I wrote him my argument against his interpretation he insisted that it was correct. Another professor in the same Divinity School, a friend of mine, in his recent book, says: "It may be . . . that Tertullian (following suggestions of Justin Martyr and Irenaeus) is essentially right in his paraphrase of the saying: 'Render the image of Caesar, which is on the coin, to Caesar, and the image of God, which is on man, to God.'" To my mind, it is amazing that a great scholar leans to so fantastic an interpretation, especially since it is wholly unneeded for determining the meaning of the passage.

Read the entire paragraph, Matt. 22:15-22, and it is clear that Jesus did not set out to make a formal and final pronouncement, nor any at all, concerning the relative rights of Caesar and God: he did nothing more than give a divinely wise and, as vs. 22 shows, effectively shrewd answer to the captious hypocrites who sought to "ensnare him in his talk" (vs. 15). In his answer to those wolves, he gave a capital example of the sagacity which he enjoined upon his disciples when he said to them: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16).

That the common interpretation of Matt. 22:21 is incorrect is plain from two facts, which follow:

(1) That interpretation involves the absurdity of representing Jesus as recognizing Caesar, and hence the civil authority in any case, as having exclusive right to ALL money or legal tender, since all such bears an "image and super-scription" (vs. 20) stamped thereon by the civil government. In that case, no MONEY can rightly be rendered to God. Of course, Jesus taught no such thing.

(2) The common interpretation represents Jesus as teaching one of the things which he most emphatically condemned, namely the partitioning of time and means that was taught by his enemies, the superficial Pharisees. Those blind sophists maintained an intricate system of distinction between men's "religious" and "secular" duties, between the "religious" and "secular" in general. Jesus rejected and condemned this system, as when he defended his disciples' gathering food on the sabbath, remarking, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). In Jesus' view, ALL belongs to God. It was the mind of Christ that said through Paul: "Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31).

In Christian philosophy there is no real cleavage between the rightful claims of Caesar (civil authority) and those of God, with consequent limitation of the rights of God: certainly not. Whatever rights "Caesar" has, all these are within the supreme and all-inclusive authority of God. Paul plainly so implied in enjoining obedience to the civil powers, thus: "Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God . . . For, rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil" (Romans 13:1, 3). Incidentally: For this declaration, Paul has been sharply criticised by various moderns, who have accused him of cowardly subservience to civil authority. This accusation is nulled by the fact that, when Paul wrote those words, the Roman government WAS, as he said, "not a terror

to the good work, but to the evil." Never did Paul cringe before any human power. On the contrary, near the end, he boldly made his defense before a Roman ruler (Acts 24ff). Thus, at last, he went to his martyr death at the hands of Caesar himself.

Few passages of Scripture can be rightly interpreted without regard to the immediate context; and some cannot be rightly interpreted without regard to principles set forth in the Scriptures as a whole. The fact that a certain interpretation is commonly current means little in favor of it, and sometimes means only that it is useful in supporting and promoting some commonly cherished belief, true or false. Such is the case with Matt. 22:21.

Point Clear, Alabama.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian Should Know The Nature Of The Holy Spirit.

The Lord compared the Holy Spirit to four things with which every Christian is familiar in order that each one may understand the nature of the Holy Spirit which dwells within him.

In John 3:8 and Acts 2:2 the Holy Spirit is compared to wind. As wind, or air, is essential to physical life and growth so the Holy Spirit is essential to spiritual life and growth. The Holy Spirit, like wind, disregards all racial and national lines and bestows His benefits upon all kinds and classes of men. The Holy Spirit, like wind, is invisible, yet we know He is present by the effects he produces. The wind blows where it listeth and no man fully understands its movements. It moves so slowly and softly it does not stir a leaf. Again it moves so swiftly and furiously it levels cities to the ground. Even so does the Holy Spirit move. As wind propels every boat that weighs anchor and sets its sails so the Holy Spirit moves every man who severs himself from the things of the world and properly relates himself to God.

In Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3 the Holy Spirit is compared to fire. He is like fire in that he is quickening. A man cannot remain inactive or silent while on fire or while filled with the Holy Spirit. As fire has the power to transform dead wood into flames and glowing coals so the Spirit has the power to change cold, indifferent individuals into warm, enthusiastic, flaming evangelists for God. As fire alone burns out the dross and purifies gold so the Holy Spirit alone melts believers and purifies them.

In Joel 2:28 and John 4:14 the Holy Spirit is compared to water. He is like water in three respects. As water cleanses and makes usable soiled vessels so the Holy Spirit cleanses the lives of men and makes them usable and useful. As water satisfies more perfectly than all the refreshing drinks on the markets of the world so the Holy Spirit, more than anything else, satisfies the thirsts of the soul. As water makes barren lands fertile, productive, valuable, so the Holy Spirit has the power to make the most barren life produce all the fruits of the spirit.

In I John 2:20 the Holy Spirit is compared to anointing oil. "The word 'unction' is not the act of anointing, but the anointing oil, an emblem and name of the Holy Spirit, by whose bestowal on believers they are made kings, prophets and priests unto God." In Old Testament days men were set apart to serve as prophets, priests and kings by being anointed with oil. Since the days of Christ Christians have been set apart by the Holy Spirit.

Every Christian is anointed by the Holy Spirit to serve as prophet and to make known to the world the Saviour who alone can save. He is anointed to serve as priest and by his daily life present God to men and by his prayers and persuasions draw men to God. He is anointed to serve as king and exercise dominion over his life and bring it into subjection to the will of God.

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 Rev. L. G. Sansing has begun his work as pastor at Pelahatchie. These people will find they have made no mistake in calling him.

STRIPPING SIN OF CHARM

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 "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Psalm 103:10.

Once we have understood the greatness and holiness of God we are amazed at His patience and forbearance with our sins.

If he called us promptly to justice for our transgressions and meted out to us day by day just what we deserved we would all be condemned. But He is graciously long-suffering. His mercy is wonderful. There is no pettiness in His nature. Vindictiveness is foreign to His Spirit. He is our friend.

The friendship of God is proved in the gift of His Son to be our Saviour. This is the answer of the Divine Love to the problems created by our sin. It is God's effort to reveal His heart's attitude towards sinners. He supremely wants to save them. Calvary is as far as He can come toward us with mercy in the treatment of iniquity. We must meet Him there, if we would be forgiven. It is the only place where sin is pardoned.

Holy Father: Make us as sensitive to sin's ugliness and hurt as thou art. Grant that we may see it stripped of its alluring charm and exposed in the ghastly sordidness of its real nature. Then we, too, will despise it and rejoice in thy kindness that spares us. Amen.

—N. W. C.

AGED MINISTERS

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 To the Pastor and Members,
 Baptist Churches of Mississippi:

Our dear fellow-workers—

Permit us to call your attention to an opportunity that will be yours during the month of October. We refer to the "Fellowship Offering" for our Aged Ministers, when you observe the Lord's Supper in your churches. Surely, each one of you will place your gift in the offering plate as you leave the building after the Supper.

Your cooperation in this matter in the past has been a great help to our cause. Your cooperation now will be greatly appreciated by our worthy but needy veterans of the cross.

Please send your offering to Rev. D. A. McCall, secretary and treasurer, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Designate it "Fellowship Offering for Aged Ministers." Thank you.

C. J. Olander, Chairman

J. M. Metts

M. A. Davis

J. B. Smith

Aged Ministers Relief Committee.

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 Those who in the past have used Dr. Van Ness' book "Training In The Baptist Spirit" will be glad to know that the Sunday School Board has brought out a revised edition of this excellent book. Dr. Van Ness knows the Baptist Spirit and has for nearly forty years watched it work and has been an exemplification of it. This book reveals it for the study of our young people. Price in cloth binding 60c, in paper 40c.

Harrisburg: As the first year of my work here draws to a close I find that we have had fourteen additions to the church by baptism and eight by letter. The Sunday school enrollment is slightly larger than the church membership. We are enlarging the organization of our school at the present time with a view to increased efficiency in our teaching of God's word. Our prayer meeting is well attended as are the worship services. There are 72 enrolled in the five departments of our Training Union. Two new auxiliaries have been added to the W. M. U. which brings us within two auxiliaries of being full-graded. We had a fine revival with Rev. R. B. Patterson preaching and Mr. Leon Denton directing the music. Financially we are making progress and hope in the near future to be clear of debt. When our debts are paid we hope to enlarge our contributions to other phases of the Lord's work. Good feelings prevail among the members and they stand by their pastor.



E. G. HIGHTOWER
Field Worker

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Some of these Mississippi College Ministerial students continue to thrill us in their loyalty. Fighting battles in ministerial preparation on their own part they remember Christ's command to, "Go" and "Give." Brother Bush is another who leads his churches on in this way. He takes offerings for missions.

It was a privilege to be in a recent service at the Orphanage school. A refreshing group. How they sing, listen, behave. Christ remembered them. Mississippi Baptists are remembering them.

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Last year—1939—a year of change, uncertainty and crop failures in large sections of Mississippi, we find Mississippi Baptists gained in 12 points, lost in 6 points and remained static in the number of associations.

We retain 75 associations.

We have 1,064 ordained ministers, a gain of 11.

We have 279,772 church members, a gain of 7,491.

We have 148,303 Sunday school members, a gain of 4,542.

We have 2,515 Unions and Story Hours, a gain of 271.

We have enrolled in these 44,133, a gain of 722.

We have 2,128 W. M. U. organizations, a gain of 114.

They gave \$139,513.58, a gain of \$17,316.72.

We have 1,485 church houses, a gain of 2.

We have 232 pastors' homes, a gain of 6.

Valuation of church property is \$8,911,380.00, a gain of \$90,033.00.

Gifts to all local church expenses, \$1,265,136.58, a gain of \$23,811.62.

Total gifts to all purposes, \$1,508,439.95, a gain of \$25,636.00.

Most of these gains are very substantial.

Our losses are bare losses, but we should do better.

We have 1550 churches, a loss of 2.

We baptized 12,882, a loss of 511. (This remains however the second highest figure in baptisms).

We have 1,370 Sunday schools, a loss of 1. (Brother E. C. Williams reports free literature sent to 90 schools in 1939, at least 75 of them new schools. We hardly see how even the low figure 1 can be correct in the light of that).

We have 593 Training Unions, a loss of 107.

We gave to Missions and benevolences \$243,303.37, a loss of \$175.62.

This is the record. We feel several reports must not have gotten in. For instance, we hardly see how we could have gained 7,491 new church members, yet lost in baptisms by 511.

We do know Mississippi Baptists have already written an increase in 1940 in many of these items. Let us make the gains so decided under His hand there will be no doubt hereafter. Let

STATE MISSIONS

Sunday School Day Oct. 27

us make our reports. Let us make correct reports about His work.

III

In the 1940 Handbook just out, Mississippi baptisms stand at 12,882. This is next to the highest figure registered for many years if not ever.

The figures since 1925 are: 1925—12,266 baptisms; 1926—10,925 baptisms; 1927—10,268 baptisms; 1928—10,048 baptisms; 1929—9,843 baptisms; 1930—11,740 baptisms; 1931—10,231 baptisms; 1932—10,334 baptisms; 1933—9,921 baptisms; 1934—9,776 baptisms; 1935—10,367 baptisms; 1936—10,375 baptisms; 1937—10,128 baptisms; 1938—13,393 baptisms; and 1939—12,882 baptisms.

You will note the last figure is for 1939. From all reports the 1940 figure will be well above that. We should go after not less than 15,000 for Christ in 1941.

IV

While population, Baptist strength, per capita wealth and other elements would enter into an exhaustive study of comparisons between states, we felt you might be interested in totals. We may rejoice in successes and pray and work for more.

Figures on 1939 baptisms are as follows: Texas, 44,224; North Carolina, 25,567; Georgia, 23,820; Tennessee, 22,161; Alabama, 21,154; Kentucky, 20,091; Oklahoma, 17,883; Missouri, 14,665; Mississippi, 12,882; Virginia, 12,039; Arkansas, 11,854; South Carolina, 11,561; Louisiana, 11,326; Florida, 11,281; Illinois, 4,710; New Mexico, 1,790; Maryland, 1,084; District of Columbia, 732; Arizona, 331.

Mississippi is ninth in the list of States.

If our churches will keep up a vigorous program of soul-winning and launch an intensive associational program, we will take great areas of this State for Christ.

V

The following statement from Dr. Watts is self-explanatory: "The question has been raised with regard to the status of ministers who are called into chaplaincies from pastorates of Baptist churches in the South, that is, as the problem is related to their membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

It is our hope that the churches will grant a year's leave of absence where a man is called into service for one year, and supply the pulpit in the meantime, keep up the dues in the Ministers Retirement Plan just as though the regular pastor was in charge, and when that is done and the State Board adds its 2%, we can keep the membership of the brother in full force, that is, there would be no loss to him on account of his absence from the church. Where a man resigns his pastorate outright he will have to lose that year of credit though he does not lose his membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan. What has been paid by him remains to his credit and he will not be deprived of any benefits that would come to him from the supplemental fund of the State produced by the church's payments and the Convention's payments.

My understanding is there is no Federal pension provision for training camp chaplains yet. If there should be one later, that is at any time before the retirement of the ministers, then according to our Actuary's ruling the amount received from the Government would be deducted from any annuity credit related to such service."

VI

We believe in the Ministers Retirement Plan. Here is one reason "why".

Last Saturday we drove by the home of a retired minister friend. We had not seen him for years. Four revivals in other years had taken us to his work. He was a "lion-heart" in the work of our Lord.



H. T. McLAURIN
Field Worker

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I

In our opinion these two brethren have the most difficult task among Mississippi Baptists. Yet, they have gone about their work in patience and persistence, with courage.

This is a work nobody has as yet put over, though progress has been made.

Only Mississippi Baptists can put this task over under God's hand!

II

No. 747 for \$36, No. 748 for \$36, No. 749 for \$36, No. 750 for \$36, each from a W. M. S. Circle, Newton Church (Mrs. R. A. Morris, worker).

No. 756 for \$36, No. 757 for \$36, No. 758 for \$36, No. 759 for \$36, No. 760 for \$36, No. 761 for \$36, each from a member of Laurel Second Ave., (Mrs. Hollis Dennis, worker).

No. 754 for \$36, member of Short Creek Church in Yazoo County, (Mrs. Webb Brame, worker).

No. 755 for \$36, No. 753 for \$36, each from a member of Yazoo City Church, (Mrs. Webb Brame, worker).

No. 751 for \$36, member Greenwood First, (Continued on page 3)

The doctor had told him, "If you don't quit pressing over these roads to these country churches you are going out one of these days." It is hard to give up. High blood pressure—heart trouble—a stroke—disability.

Mississippi Baptists had no plan for him. He is to day in want. It touched our heart.

We came by to the office to hit one more stroke for Ministers Retirement!

VII

Various brethren have been writing in about deductions from benefits in the Ministers Retirement Plan due to late participation in the Plan. In other words the Plan in our State began July 1, 1940. What of those present pastors who came in 3-6-12-18-24 months late and do not pay back to July 1st?

Dr. Hasty gave us a statement on that as follows:

"Deductions on benefits will be 8% of the annual salary (\$4,000 maximum) compounded at 3½% interest until age 65, divided by 156 (number months of life expectancy)."

This does not apply to young ministers coming in alone, not now serving.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Below you will read with interest some excerpts from a personal letter to me from one of our Mississippi girls at B. B. I. I did not know of the sailing of our Mississippi friends, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, until a week ago.

You will note what Miss Louise Holman has to say of the size of the family, she has also reminded us that they do not have all the necessities. Our God is able to supply their needs through us if we will let Him.

The only reason this hasn't already been done, we did not know about it. Will the friends who read this gather a cash gift from your friends and mail to them immediately. What is done, must be done hastily for they sail October 19th from New Orleans.

Address: Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr.
1220 Washington Ave.
New Orleans, La.

News From Afar

Ramon Falcon 4100
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August 26, 1940

Dear Miss Traylor and Miss Ed:

I have been wanting for a long time to write to both of you and then decided that I would write to both of you together since I would be telling you the same things. So will you excuse my including you both in this letter, for you know I love you both very dearly anyhow.

I think I have not written a note of thanks for the watch from the Juinor G. A.'s. Every morning when I awake, I look at my watch to see what time it is to see if I should get up, so you see it is a constant reminder of those I love who were so thoughtful in giving it to me. It is faithful even as you and they are in that it has kept perfect time, right on the minute all the time. Really I had never dreamed of such a thing as a lovely Bulova watch being presented me by any one, and so I do prize it greatly, and I am sure you will pray with me that it shall always be on time working for our Master. May He bless you for it, and my prayer is that he may continue to use you in His service.

My, but the little collapsible umbrella certainly was a thoughtful gift, and very appropriate for this weather down here right now. It is very cold and raw, and every few days clouds up and rains real good. You should see me trying to keep warm—at night I put on my long sleeve, flannel pajamas (And oh, boy, do they feel good), take my hot water bottle to bed and crawl in under the gorgeous down comfort the Fidelis Class at home gave me. In the day time I wear practically all my wool skirts and sweaters. You see we have heat in only one part of the house, and that is in the dining room where there is a little coal heater. That is where I am now sitting in front of the stove with my typewriter on the piano stool. I have a little electric heater that I use sometimes in my room when I have to sit there and study.

Oh, by the way, study just reminded me—have I told you about my Spanish lessons. I am studying with a private teacher in the Berlitz School of Languages here in Buenos Aires. I've had three lessons so far—have one every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:00 A.M. The girls here at the schaal say I am learning real fast, but I think they are trying to be nice. It is loads of fun. You see my teacher doesn't speak a word of English, and we have great times,—she asking me questions, and my trying to answer in Spanish. Most of it is more or less sign language, but then we told each other our names, where we lived, and

I what I did. I'm beginning to understand quite a bit of it.

The trip down was just as lovely as it could be. We had several days of rough sea, but as a whole it was most pleasant and restful. I was never once the least inclined to seasickness, not even when the boat pitched and rolled. Enjoyed so much visiting the missionaries in Rio and Montevideo. We reached Rio on Wednesday night, and Miss Minnie, Mr. Stover, and Mr. Hankins were at the boat to meet the Johnsons. When Miss Minnie found out I was on there she made me go with her out to the house (home of the Allens) to spend the night with her. The next morning we had a lovely visit in her office and the publishing house. OH, she was just precious to me. She even gave me a little pitcher, Brazilian pottery, and told me to start a collection of pitchers. The Orricks met me in Montevideo, and I had a lovely day with them and the Goldfinch's. There was a little mix-up about being met here at B.A. They thought I would be with the Espinozas, and since no one here knew me, they asked Mr. Cancini to go down with Mr. Blair because he knew the Espinozas. When he could not find them he took it for granted that I wasn't here either, so they left. I sat there all morning looking for some one from 8 to 12. I didn't clear my baggage because I would have had to carry it right on out of the customs, so there I sat. Finally, I found me an interpreter, and he called the number of Mrs. Quarles' telephone for me, and I talked with her. Later he called Mrs. Blair, and finally at 11:45 they arrived to get me. I could have taken a taxi on out here, but I knew it was pretty far out, and besides they had told me at Montevideo that there would be some one at the boat for me. I had a very nice time, though, for the interpreter was very sympathetic and arranged it so that Mr. and Mrs. Blair could get through the Customs gate without paying 5 pesos. All of them out here nearly had a fit when they found out what had happened, but it really didn't bother me, for I made out fine.

I am enjoying it so much here at the school. There are twelve girls in school boarding and two day students I believe. All of them are just lovely. Only two of them speaks English, so you see I have to make use of what little Spanish I can muster. I've attended all the meetings and tried to listen very carefully, and occasionally catch a phrase or two, maybe enough to give me the gist of the message. I spoke once in the woman's meeting at which time Miss Ellis interpreted for me, and another time in chapel where Mr. Quarles interpreted for me. My, but I was scared! Miss Ellis said I wasn't half as scared as she was for that was the first time she had ever translated for any one. The work here is most interesting and I am getting much from my stay here.

I haven't heard from Chile yet, but Dr. Taylor said Friday night that he had written and that he should hear in a few days. I can't get in until this funny law is passed, and it has been presented to Congress, but we don't know whether it has been passed yet or not. So I have to wait on it. Which may mean that I'll be here for 5 or 6 months, in which case I shall run up to Rosario to visit the work there, and then Martha T. and I will go up into the Indian country when school is out in November or December. In the meantime I am studying, and getting acquainted with everything and everybody.

Miss Ed. Martha T. said tell you not to forget that you are coming down to S. A. to see all of us, (especially me, gal) and also to give you her love. We are having great fun together. Say,

when you all come, be sure to come from New York, for then you get the fast boats and the best ones, especially for a pleasure trip, via Moore-McCormack Lines, 5 Broadway, N. Y.

Miss Traylor, are you keeping Net and Ed straight there in the office? You make them behave, hear? I hope the work in the state is going along well, and am praying for you and with you for the fall and winter programs, especially State Mission and Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. It just hurts to see the way the missionaries and Christians in S. A. hunger for more workers. It just made me ache to be three or four people so that I can stay in each place. They are trying awfully hard to keep me here in B.A. at the Training School with Martha T., but Dr. Taylor said, "no sir, you can't have her; we will not have any highway robbery." I've heard so many good things about Chile since I've been here, that I know I shall love it.

Well, I must bring this to a close as we have an errand to do down in the Center. Everything is just fine. Give my love to EVERYBODY. Lots for both of you.

Georgia Mae Ogburn.

With the largest enrollment in 20 years the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, opened its thirty-fourth annual session for the last term at the present location in House Beautiful. The new building on the Seminary campus will be ready for occupation in 1941.

A total of 101 boarding students and 57 day students, representing 17 states and 2 foreign countries, including 5 daughters of missionaries, were registered during the first week. North Carolina leads with 13; Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia 11 each; Florida 10; Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina 8; Alabama 4; Louisiana and Oklahoma 3; Arkansas and Missouri 2; District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, California and West Virginia one; China and Italy one.

Mississippi's students are: Seniors—Mary Elizabeth Ainsworth, Dorothy Dean, Cascade Middleton, Bessie Purvis, Edna Ruth Rea, and Waudine Storey. Juniors: Martha Dorroh, Ruth Kirk, Polly Love, Mary Donald, and Dorothy Wilson.

The formal opening of the school on Sept. 17 was presided over by Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, serving her tenth year as principal. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, professor of Sociology in the Seminary and Training School, brought a message on the good things ahead this year for those who seek them.

After 28 years of service the Training School Good Will Center was sold Sept. 1 to Dr. John Little, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Colored Mission, to be used in serving the large Negro constituency of that section. It is hoped that a new center may be opened soon.

Miss Wanda Lynch, Good Will Center director, is assisting in social work courses, field work department and office. Miss Eva Brewer, resident nurse for 10 years, has resigned to accept a similar position in Mars Hill College. The infirmary is in charge of a graduate nurse who is studying for foreign service. She is assisted by a Senior student with experience in institutional nursing.

Preparation is being made for the laying of the cornerstone of the new building on October 2, when Founders' Day will bring alumnae and friends of the school from over the South.

First Baptist Church, Biloxi: Six were baptized Sunday, Sept. 22, and six more presented themselves for membership; two for baptism, four by letter.—G. C. Hodge, Pastor.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF TWENTY

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The Commission of Twenty, ap-
pointed by the Mississippi Baptist
Convention in annual session at
Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson,
Mississippi, November 14-18, 1939
to study the entire present financial
needs of all our Convention work,
and seek to formulate a practical
plan to meet these needs, the plans
to be submitted to the next annual
session of the Convention, was called
together by the General Chair-
man, A. B. Pierce, to meet in their
first meeting Tuesday, December
12, 1939, 2:30 o'clock, in the Baptist
Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Mem-
bers of the Commission present
were: A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs,
C. Z. Holland, Canton, F. M. Purser,
Oxford, Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston,
Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Moun-
tain; C. H. Lipsey, Brookhaven, J.
A. Barnhill, Hattiesburg, E. D.
Hurst, Laurel, W. D. Cole, Philadel-
phia, W. E. Holcomb, Hattiesburg,
J. W. Middleton, Clinton, Miss
Frances Traylor, Mrs. Karenza Gil-
foy, D. C. Simmons, D. A. McCall,
and W. G. Mize all of Jackson. Dr.
P. I. Lipsey, Editor of the Baptist
Record was also present.

Members absent: W. W. James,
Newton, W. W. Venable, Clarks-
dale, J. D. Davis, Greenville and D.
M. Nelson, Clinton.

The meeting opened with reading
of the scripture John 7:17 by A. B.
Pierce, after which the following
were called on to lead in prayer, E.
D. A. McCall and J. W. Middleton.

A message was received from Dr.
D. M. Nelson stating that he was
unable to attend the meeting on
account of illness.

A. B. Pierce, General Chairman
stated the purpose of the meeting
and read the recommendation from
the Convention Board with reference
to the duties of this Commission.

On motion made by E. D. Hurst
and duly seconded, W. G. Mize was
elected secretary.

Motion was made by C. Z. Hol-
land and seconded by F. M. Purser
that General Chairman appoint com-
mittees to study and investigate
needs of various institutions. Dis-
cussion by C. H. Lipsey, J. A. Barn-

hill, C. Z. Holland, A. B. Pierce, D.
A. McCall, D. C. Simmons, Miss
Fannie Traylor, W. D. Cole and E.
D. Hurst. D. C. Simmons made
motion to amend by including A. B.
Pierce as an ex-officio member of
each committee. F. M. Purser,
made motion to amend the amend-
ment for a steering committee to
be composed of General Chairman
together with the Chairman of each
sub-committee, seconded by C. Z.
Holland. Motion carried, as amend-
ed.

Motion made by J. A. Barnhill
that next meeting be held week of
January 15th. Motion lost for lack
of second.

Motion made by J. A. Barnhill and
seconded by F. M. Purser that the
General Chairman in conference
with the Corresponding Secretary
of Baptist Convention Board if possi-
ble to call a meeting of the entire
Commission before February 1st.
Motion carried.

The following committees were
appointed by the Chairman:

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE: F. M.
Purser, D. M. Nelson, W. W. Ven-
able, C. H. Lipsey.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COL-
LEGE: C. Z. Holland, D. C. Sim-
mons, W. E. Holcomb, J. D. Davis.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE:
W. D. Cole, L. T. Lowrey, Mrs. Ned
Rice, J. W. Middleton.

STATE CONVENTION BOARD:
J. A. Barnhill, D. A. McCall, W. W.
James.

ORPHANAGE AND HOSPITAL:
E. D. Hurst, Mrs. Karenza Gilfof,
Miss Fannie Traylor, W. G. Mize.

STEERING COMMITTEE: A. B.
Pierce, F. M. Purser, C. Z. Holland,
J. A. Barnhill, W. D. Cole, E. D.
Hurst.

Dr. F. M. Purser made the motion
that the Chairman of this Commis-
sion of Twenty be authorized and
requested to make a statement to
Mississippi Baptists, through the
Baptist Record, that this Commis-
sion will welcome from any Baptist
co-operating with the Mississippi
Baptist Convention, any suggestion
such Baptist may have to make about
the work of this Commission. Mo-
tion seconded by E. D. Hurst. Mo-
tion carried.

W. D. Cole made motion that
Chairman of each Committee be
provided with an audit from each
agency. J. A. Barnhill made motion
to amend by asking that each mem-
ber of the Commission be provided
with a copy of audit from each In-
stitution and Board. D. C. Simmons
made motion to amend the amend-
ment that each chairman of the sub-
committees be provided with an
audit for the last five years for the
Institution or Board represented by
their Committee. Motion carried as
amended.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

W. D. Cole led in closing prayer.

W. G. Mize, Secretary.

Meeting of the Commission of
Twenty held in Baptist headquar-
ters office, Thursday, February 22,
1940, 2:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by
Chairman A. B. Pierce. Devotion
was conducted by J. W. Middleton,
reading the scripture, Psalm 19:1-11
after which C. H. Lipsey and D. M.
Nelson led in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read and
approved. The following members

were present, A. B. Pierce, D. M.
Nelson, W. W. James, W. E. Hol-
comb, E. D. Hurst, D. C. Simmons,
W. W. Venable, J. D. Davis, J. W.
Middleton, W. D. Cole, C. H. Lipsey,
L. T. Lowrey, F. M. Purser, J. A.
Barnhill, D. A. McCall, Mrs. Karenza
Gilfof, Miss Fannie Traylor and W.
G. Mize.

Absent: C. Z. Holland and Mrs.
Ned Rice.

C. Z. Holland who was detained
because of funeral came later.

Motion made by D. A. McCall,
seconded by W. W. James that a
copy of all minutes of this body be
filed in Convention Board Office for
reference. Motion prevailed.

Chairman read report of steering
Committee which consisted of a di-
gested report from all sub-commi-
tees. This report was informally
discussed after which the recom-
mendations embodied in the report
were considered as follows:

Hospital: That the Hospital con-
tinue its work as heretofore and
be permitted to continue its plan
of retiring its indebtedness without
asking for any part in a unified
debt paying program. Motion made
by W. G. Mize, seconded by W. D.
Cole. Motion carried.

Orphanage: We recommend that
the present procedure and plan of
the Trustees and Superintendent of
the Orphanage continue on its pay-
as-you-go plan. Motion by W. D.
Cole, seconded by C. H. Lipsey.
Motion carried.

State Board: 1. We recommend
that a change of the Convention date
be proposed at the next session of
the Convention and the new date be
the Tuesday after the second Sunday
in February each year. Motion made
by D. A. McCall, seconded by W. W.
James. Motion carried.

2. We approve the suggested im-
provement in receipt forms as out-
lined by Secretary McCall and by
common consent this matter be left
to the discretion of the Secretary
and the Executive Committee.

3. We approve the suggestion that
a continued study of the problem be
made to reduce the annual deficit of
the Baptist Record department.
Motion by F. M. Purser, seconded
by W. W. James. Carried.

4. Matter pertaining to Five
Thousand Club by common consent
deferred for later consideration.

5. We recommend that the Con-
vention set up a schedule for retir-
ing \$5,612.80 present indebtedness
against Clarke Memorial College.

W. W. James made motion to
amend that a grant of \$1,000.00 be
made to Clarke College for general
support. Seconded by C. Z. Holland.
Discussion by J. A. Barnhill. J. A.
Barnhill made substitute motion that
original recommendation as offered
be accepted. Seconded by W. D. Cole.
Motion carried.

W. W. James made motion, second-
ed by F. M. Purser that recommenda-
tion be made to Mississippi Baptist
Convention that \$1,000.00 be grant-
ed Clarke College for current sup-
port for 1940-41. Motion carried.

6. A recommendation was made
concerning the study of "Overhead
Expenses" in connection with our Co-
operative Program with a view of
clarifying what is overhead expense
and what is State Mission Service.
Motion made by W. D. Cole, seconded
W. E. Holcomb that this matter

be referred to Executive Committee
of State Convention Board for ac-
tion.

7. The Sub-committee of the State
Board recommended that we highly
commend Dr. R. B. Gunter for 18
years of unsurpassed service, lead-
ing us forward in depression and
out, to the glory of Him, whom we
love and serve. Motion to adopt
made by W. W. James, seconded by
J. W. Middleton. Motion carried.

Motion made, seconded and duly
carried that Commission adjourn at
6:30 to reconvene at 7:30 P.M.

The evening session opened with
prayer by C. Z. Holland.

All members of Commission as
mentioned above were present with
the exception of W. W. Venable,
who had to leave the meeting earlier
in the afternoon on account of the
illness of his Mother.

Blue Mountain College: We re-
commend to the State Convention
that they renew the authorization
for Blue Mountain College to pro-
ceed with an endowment campaign
for the purpose of increasing their
endowment to the sum of \$500,000.-
00. Motion made by W. D. Cole,
seconded by E. D. Hurst. Motion
carried.

Mississippi College: 1. We com-
mend the College administration for
the high grade of work maintained
and the excellent financial condition
of the College. Motion made to
adopt by W. W. James, seconded by
C. Z. Holland. Motion carried.

2. We recommend that the Chair-
man appoint a Committee to con-
fer with B. B. Jones concerning the
debt of the Alumni Association of
Mississippi College, the suggestion
for such a conference at the request
of Mr. Jones. Chairman appointed
committee as follows: F. M. Purser,
C. H. Lipsey, W. W. Venable, D. M.
Nelson. Motion made to adopt by
F. M. Purser, seconded by W. W.
James.

Mississippi Woman's College: We
recommend the balance due Missis-
sippi Woman's College for the sup-
port fund voted at the recent Con-
vention to the amount of \$5454.18
be allowed on the basis of monthly
installments for the remainder of
the 1939-40 session. Motion made
by C. Z. Holland. Motion seconded
by J. D. Davis. Discussion by D. A.
McCall, D. M. Nelson, C. Z. Holland,
F. M. Purser, E. D. Hurst. Sub-
stitute motion made by F. M. Purser,
seconded by J. A. Barnhill, that the
matter be referred to Secretary of
Convention Board and Education
Commission.

A request from President Holcomb
that a subsidy for General Support
to the amount of \$10,000 would be
absolutely necessary for the session
1940-41. Motion made by J. A.
Barnhill, seconded by L. T. Lowrey,
(Continued on page 12)

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Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 6

LUKE AND HIS GOSPEL

Luke 1; Acts 1:1-5; 16:9-15; Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11.

Introduction. There are probably two and possibly three of the writers of the Bible who are not Jews. If, as many think, the Book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible, and was written by a contemporary of Abraham, then its author was not a Jew, because the Jewish race had not yet been brought into being. No one knows who wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews, but many earnest scholars have thought it was written by some convert to Christianity from beyond the confines of the Jewish race. Archdeacon Farrar (Early Days of Christianity) argues eloquently, if somewhat unconvincingly, for the belief that Apollos wrote Hebrews. If he be right, this great book was not written by a Jew. The bulk of Christian scholarship holds the view that Luke was not a Jew. Luke is the author of a larger portion of the New Testament than is any other whom God honored with a privilege of writing a portion of His message to men.

Where Luke was born or when, no man knows. His is a Gentile name. He was by calling a physician, a profession little esteemed among the Romans, but highly esteemed among the Greeks. It is possible that Luke was born a slave, or the son of a slave. It is thought that Luke may have obtained his freedom as a reward of merit, he having attained to such eminence in his calling as won the hearty approbation of his master, and freedom from the estate of bondage into which he had been born. Professor A. T. Robertson says, "Luke was originally a heathen and not a Jew. He has the world-wide view of a Gentile of culture, and approaches Christianity from the outside . . . It is probable that Luke was a Greek rather than a Roman, since in Acts 28:2 and 4, he speaks of the inhabitants of Melita as 'the barbarians' quite in Greek fashion. Whether he acquired Roman citizenship is uncertain, though possible."

Who was the Theophilus to whom Luke dedicates both his gospel and the Acts? Again, no one knows where he lived or what he did. "Theophilus," means "Loving God; beloved of God; God-given" (Potts, Dictionary of Bible Proper Names, page 237). I think of it commonly as meaning, "Lover of God." Many people have thought that it was not in Luke's mouth a proper name at all, but a name which he applied to anyone who loved or loves God. So "Theophilus" might be you or me, anyone who loves God. But the whole setting seems to me to mean that Theophilus is the name of a man, a proper name. He was undoubtedly a noble man, cultured, Christian, and no doubt wealthy. It is an intriguing thought to me that he may have been Luke's master, friend, benefactor; that he placed

within Luke's reach the means whereby he received the splendid medical and classical education which he so charmingly exhibits in his writings.

I. Luke's Preface, Luke 1:1-4.

Scholars say these four verses are of classic Greek, a passage as elegant and polished as any to be found anywhere in literature. These verses set forth in few words Luke's reason for writing his gospel. Lay this paper down now and read them. These verses say that "many" people have written records of what Jesus' followers in Luke's day believed. Of course the belief of Jesus' followers of Luke's day all centered in a man, Jesus of Nazareth, a man whose words and deeds, the circumstances of whose birth and death, and what came after his death, as these followers of His learned them from people who knew this Jesus while He lived here on the earth. Many people had written, maybe not documents which professed to be complete accounts of the life of Jesus, but records of events and sayings, some of them being, perhaps, only records of single incidents, or a number of incidents, single sayings, or collections of sayings, the fruits of that remarkable life.

Luke says he sets himself the task of making an accurate narrative of the events and sayings upon which the faith of the brethren most securely rest. At least, I think that is what Luke means to say he has done. He has followed the method of the careful historian, and has given his friend an orderly composition of such excellence that the French infidel Renan says that the gospel of Luke is "the most beautiful book that has ever been written."

Luke was not a companion of our Lord, but lived in the generation following that of our Lord. "As they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eye witnesses and ministers of the word," v. 2. Luke heard from the lips of those who knew the Lord, or he read the things written by those who personally knew the Lord, nay, he did both. I make no slightest doubt that he read many written stories of events from the life of our Lord, read the records of many purported sayings of the Lord, as well as heard from the lips of numerous men and women stories of what they had seen and heard when in company with Jesus.

II. How the Coming of John the Baptist Was Announced. Luke 1:5-15.

An aged priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia, went into the Holy Place of the Temple to burn incense before the Lord. The whole body of the Jewish priests was divided into 24 groups. Each of these groups served in the temple eight days by turns. Always on the sabbath there were two groups serving. With the close of the sabbath the group or "course" which had served through the preceding week, left off serving, and the group which had come on duty with the beginning of the sabbath, carried on through the week till the coming of the next sabbath, when another group served with them through the sabbath, and then in like manner took over.

Before a given group of priests took over, they chose one of their number to offer incense, a different one for each offering. Even then, so numerous were the priests that no one of them ever enjoyed the privilege more than once. So came the turn of Zacharias in his old age. He had prayed for a son, but his wife, Elizabeth, had never borne one, and now they were both old, and had abandoned hope of having a son. But came the day when Priest Zacharias went into the Holy Place to burn incense, and as he stood beside the altar, an angel appeared to him to tell him that his prayer had been heard, and that his wife Elizabeth would bear him a son. This son was to be named John, and was to be the herald of the Christ of God.

Zacharias wanted nothing else in the world so much as he wanted a son, but he could not believe his good fortune, especially since its coming would require a miracle of the Lord. "Give me a sign," said Zacharias. "You are dumb and unable to say a word till the son shall be named," replied the angel. It was a great inconvenience to the priest to be speechless, but I believe he was happy all the while because he had evidence in his muteness that the Lord was working what the angel had promised him.

III. How the Birth of Jesus Was Foretold To Mary. Luke 1:26-38.

Read this story over and again. It is told with a dignity, delicacy, and a reserve unmatched elsewhere in all literature. "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee." So He who is to be born shall be the Son of God. The creative power of God was to rest upon this village maiden as the cloud of glory had rested upon the mountain top in Arabia and upon the tabernacle. The angel gave Mary a sign, telling her that her aged kinswoman, Elizabeth, was with child, and was soon to be blessed with a son. Read again the reply of Mary. As an expression of perfect faith, there is nothing else like it in the world.

IV. Subsequent Events. Luke 1:39-80.

1. Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, vs. 39-56.

Mary seems to have told no one of the angel's visit to her, but hurried away to see Elizabeth. At Elizabeth's home, two expectant mothers meet; the mother of the Herald and the mother of the King. Read the words of these women. Mary's words have been made into

a song which has been sung in a hundred languages around the world.

2. Birth of John the Baptist, Vs. 57-80.

In God's own time the Baptist was born. The child which his parents had prayed for came when God was ready. The blessing you and I crave comes when God gets ready.

CALVARY CHURCH, TUPELO

During the last week of August and the first week of September, Calvary Church had the high privilege of having Dr. Frank Moody Purser of Oxford and Professor Inman Johnson of the Louisville Seminary with us in a meeting. It is a benediction to have these Christian gentlemen and servants of the Lord in any community.

Dr. Purser's preaching was positive, constructive and convincing. He is careful that no unconverted person comes before the church asking for membership. He lives the Truth and preaches it. There were 37 additions resulting from the meeting. Professor Johnson is well known to Southern Baptists as a master in leading congregational singing. His solos were of the finest quality.

Associational minutes showed total gifts from Calvary Church of \$12,422.95, of which \$7,953.43 were used at home and \$4,469.52 was sent away from home, net additions 102, making a total membership of 725. We thank God for all of His blessings.

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A Campaign Extraordinary

The state and Southwide Sunday school forces have agreed upon the months of October, November, and December as the best three months' period of the year for the inauguration of a Standard Campaign for all Young People's and Adult departments and classes and Extension departments.

It is a proved fact that these departments and classes, with proper diligence and cooperation on the part of their leaders can attain these Standards within 3 months. The Standard is simply a balanced and orderly program of work.

A letter carrying the requirements of the department and class Standard and an application form has gone forward from the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board to every Young People's and Adult department superintendent and teacher, and Extension department superintendent whose department or class is registered. This letter outlines in detail how a department or class may enter this campaign. All that is required is to fill in the Standard application as completely as possible before the first Sunday in October and send it at once to E. C. Williams, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. A wall chart of the Standard will then be sent to the superintendent or the teacher. The name of the department or class with superintendent or teacher will be printed on the Sunday school page in the state paper the week following entry in the campaign.

If your department or class is not registered with the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, and you desire to enter the campaign send the name of your department or class and its superintendent or teacher to your State Sunday School secretary at once.

While the departments and classes may undertake to reach the Standard any time, there is a distinct advantage in doing so during this campaign period. It is the first quarter of the new Sunday school year; promotion and readjustment of the school's organization are over; public schools and colleges and all lines of business activities are settling down for their fall work. The Southwide Sunday School Training month is October of each year. The completion of books required of department officers and teachers by these Standards are those recommended for study during October. It will be seen, therefore, that the time selected for this campaign is exceedingly appropriate. It is a superior opportunity to demonstrate cooperation of local departments, and associational, state and Southwide workers in a great project.

Our goals for Mississippi for these departments and classes for

1940 are as follows:

- Standard Young People's departments 5.
 - Standard Young People's Classes 25.
 - Standard Adult Departments 5.
 - Standard Adult Classes 30.
 - Standard Extension Depts. 3.
- Help us reach these goals during this campaign!

MEETINGS IN SUMMER

I am most happy to report what I consider a good summer in my work. My first meeting was with my son-in-law, Rev. Upton L. Higging of Hurtsboro, Ala., July 28ff. The meeting was north of Tuskegee about eighteen miles in a rural farming section. The meeting ran only for a week, and as I remember, there were eleven additions, ten for baptism and one by letter. The folk started during the meeting to raise funds for a new church building. They have the building near enough completed that they held their services in the new house the third Sunday of September.

My second meeting was with Rev. A. W. Talbert, at Montgomery Baptist Church west of Summit. As I remember there were twelve additions with possibly ten of that number for baptism. There was good fellowship throughout the entire week.

The third and last meeting was with Rev. J. W. White of Kosciusko. The meeting was with the Hurricane Baptist Church located between McAdams and Kosciusko. As I remember there were fourteen additions, eleven or twelve of that number for baptism. The meeting closed Friday night with a unanimous invitation to be with them again next August the third Sunday and week following.

For our meeting in the Northside Church, Jackson, we had Dr. A. A. Kitchings of Clinton preaching. Many were the hindrances, such as vacation time with some, and with others there was serious illness which took away many of our faithful members. Then the meeting and the election both came on the same week and in the face of it all we had rather a good meeting. As to the preaching, I have never heard more constructive, sound Biblical messages. Dr. Kitchings does not propose to be a high pressure evangelist, but I can say of him, he is a real teacher of the Word. And when one has heard him through a week of meetings he will be a better man afterward for "My word will not return unto me void," says the Holy One of Israel. There were twelve additions during the meeting, with three coming the following Sunday.

We are asking for your prayers, brethren, that the Lord will open the way for us to be able to erect a house of worship in our section of Jackson. It is one of the fastest growing sections of the city, and the Baptists need a church house

the worst kind. When you find some one that would be inclined to make a good offering to a good cause tell them to call 4-5204. That is the phone number of the pastor.

Thanks, and God bless each reader of this little article. The Northside Baptist Church was ten years old Saturday, September 21, 1940. The charter membership was forty-four. There has been an annual net increase of 34 9/10 members. At that slow rate by the time we are as old as First Church they will have us bested in numbers by a little more than two hundred. At the present rate however for the past five years, we will come a bit closer than two hundred to them. In fact we will have, when we celebrate our hundredth anniversary, at the present rate of growth, 4,860 members.

Rev. I. F. Metts

SUMMER'S MEETINGS

T. W. Green

I have had during the summer two of our good preachers with us in meetings. Dr. George P. White preached at Pearl Valley where we had unusually effective spiritual services. There were five additions for baptism. This is the second time Dr. White has preached for these good people in their meeting. They like him.

Dr. S. E. Tull was with us at Strong Hope where he had preached in the meeting two summers before. There were twenty-four additions to the church, sixteen being for baptism. Dr. Tull was also with us at Oma where we had unusually responsive hearings at the evening services. There were two additions for baptism and some by letter. The baptismal service for Strong Hope and Oma churches was held together at Big Bahala Creek where we had the assistance of Dr. S. E. Tull and his deacon brother N. T. Tull of New Orleans.

Pearl Valley and Strong Hope churches are in Copiah County and Oma is in Lawrence County, all of them near our home. I did the preaching at Sontag, where there is

a loyal people and a fine spirit.

Both Dr. White and Dr. Tull are noble spirits and it is a benediction to have them with you and among your people. As is already known perhaps, Dr. Tull lives at Hazlehurst and is giving his time to evangelistic work. We would rejoice to have our Mississippi churches use him extensively. He does good solid and abiding work in the city or in the country.

Bobby had just returned from school.

"What did you learn today, Bobby?" asked his father.

"Grammar."

"What sort of grammar?"

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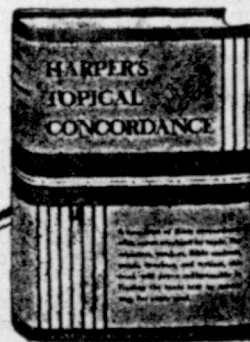
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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

I stood and watched a crew of men unload a great freight truck of flour and stack it in a ware house. The freight truck backed up to the loading platform and several men jumped out. Quickly they opened the doors, placed the runway between the truck and the warehouse floors, and got to work.

One man in the freight truck picked up the flour and stacked it on a small floor truck (a sort of wagon for moving things in a warehouse) with speed and precision, two sacks this way, and two sacks that way, until it was loaded to the handles. Another man rolled the floor truck into the warehouse where a third waited to stack it. The one who handled the truck tossed the sacks, one at a time, to the stacker, who laid them carefully, beating each sack of flour to make it lie smoothly in place.

In the meanwhile, another floor truck was being filled from the van, so as to be ready when all the flour from the first truck was stacked. The warehouse foreman was on hand to see that the different grades and kinds of flour were stacked separately, to help keep the high stacks from leaning and to make sure that the floor space was used to the best advantage; at the same time keeping the work moving smoothly and promptly.

As I watched them, it seemed to me that was a very good example of the way to do almost everything, whether in the home, at school, in the church, or in the town, or state. There is a special duty for each member and the success of the whole depends on two things: how each one does his work, and the teamwork of all together. In the home, the "foreman" (that would be mother or daddy) may do all that he can, but unless each girl and boy does his share, and unless they all work together to make it the best home in the world,—well, it just won't be the best. But if John and Mary and Jim and Ann each one does his part, (whether it is feeding the chickens, sweeping the porch, working the garden, or putting away the clothes or something else) and does it the very best he can, cheerfully, following the directions of the "foreman", that would certainly help to make a happy home. At school it is the same way—or anywhere else you go. Each one must bring up his share of the work and cooperate (that just means work together) with the others too.

I have a question to ask you. The first one who writes and answers it—well, maybe I'd better wait and see if I get an answer. Anyhow, here is the question: What was the first thing Adam planted in the garden of Eden? I'll give you a hint. You won't find the answer in the Bible.

With love,
Mrs. Steele.

Bible Study

Solomon—A Man of Wisdom.—I Kings 3.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Proverbs 1.7a.

Soon after Solomon became king of Israel, he went to Gibeon to offer sacrifice. That night God appeared to him in a dream and said to him, "Ask what I am to give you" and Solomon answered, "Give your servant wisdom that I may be able to rule well over your people Israel." God was pleased with Solomon's answer and told him because he had not asked for long life or riches or victory over his enemies that He would give him the wisdom for which he asked, and besides this, riches and honor more than any of the kings

who had been before him or who should follow after him; and if he would obey His commandments, God promised to give him long life too.

There came two women to King Solomon and stood before him. One of them spoke to the king and said, "O, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house and each of us had a little son. In the night, this woman lay on her child and it died, and she rose up at midnight while I slept and took away my child and laid it in her bed and laid her dead child in my bed. When I awoke in the morning to nurse my child, it was dead, but when I looked at it carefully by the morning light, I saw that it was not my child. The other woman answered, "No, the living child is my son, the dead one yours." And so they wrangled before the king.

The king spoke to a servant saying "Bring me a sword." When it was brought, he commanded "Cut the living child in two, and give half to one mother and half to the other." Then the true mother of the living child, because she loved it and would not have it killed, cried out, "O, my lord, give her the living child and never kill it." But the other, who pretended to be its mother, said, "Yes, cut it in two. Neither of us shall have it. Then the king commanded that the baby should be given to the woman who had shown her love for it and had pity upon it, for he knew it must belong to her. He said "She is its mother." It was to find this out that he had called for his sword, not because he meant to kill the baby.

All the people heard of what the king had done and they served him because they knew that God had given him wisdom to judge aright.

—O—
Carthage, Mississippi
September 19, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I want to join. I am eleven years of age. I am a member of the Baptist Church, Bro. P. D. Bragg is our pastor. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. M. E. Keith. She is a mighty fine teacher.

Your new friend,
Mary Elizabeth Montgomery.

We hope you like belonging to the Children's Circle enough to write again. Mary Elizabeth. We cordially welcome you. F. L. S.

—O—
Oxford, Miss., R. 2
Sept. 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Find enclosed \$1.00 of which you may use 50 cents for the B. B. I. Scholarship fund and balance may go to the Orphanage.

May God richly bless you in the work you are doing through the Baptist Record in the Children's Circle.

Sincerely,
A member of Clear Creek Church in Lafayette County.

Friend, we thank you for this gift and for your prayer. It is our desire that this page may be a blessing. To all who have a part in it, we are deeply grateful. F. L. S.

—O—
Magee, Miss.
Sept. 27, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. I go to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. My little sister, Miriam, and some of my other friends and I have lots of fun building playhouses. I have a new bicycle. I like to ride it very much but it is high and I am small and when I ride I have to stand up to reach the pedals. I can sit down when I coast. It will do for me when I am a big girl. I let my friends ride

it too. We take time about. Sometimes we help my little sister ride.

My aunt Emma Rea wrote to the Children's Circle when she was a little girl. She is a grown girl now and teaches school.

With love,
Emma Jean Mangum

You are mighty fair, Emma Jean, in letting the other girls enjoy your bicycle. It is more fun though when everybody has a good time. We are pleased to have you a member of the Circle. We've been wanting you and that little sister to join for a long time. F. L. S.

—O—
Magee, Miss.
Sept. 27, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl five years old. I do not go to school yet, but I will go next year. I play dolls while my sister, Emma Jean goes to school. When Emma Jean rides her bicycle, I try to keep up with her on my tricycle. I go to Sunday School every Sunday and I like to sing. I have a yellow Persian kitty named Fluffy. It likes to play with a ball.

Your friend
Miriam Mangum.

Miriam, I think it won't be long before you are riding that bicycle as well as anyone. I'm sure you and Emma Jean have a good time singing those Sunday School songs. F. L. S.

—O—
Magee, Miss.
Sept. 28, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am ten years old and go to the same school Emma Jean does. I have three brothers and one sister. I am the youngest in the family. I am in the Junior Department at Sunday School. We have promotion day tomorrow. I like to play dolls, build play houses, and ride the bicycle. I like to play the piano too and sing. All of our family like to sing together. I am sending a dime for the orphans.

Your friend,
Estelle Walker.

Estelle, we are glad to have this letter and the offering from you. Thank you. I hope you went to Sunday School and had a part in the promotion program. F. L. S.

Financial Report for September 1940

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To Mr. W. G. Mize for Orphanage	\$5.75
To Dr. W. W. Hamilton for B. B. I. Scholarship	8.25
Total	\$14.00

—BR—
"Dad, what is heredity?"
"Heredity, my boy, is what a man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool."

COMMISSION OF TWENTY—

(Continued from page 9)

that the matter be referred to Education Commission of State Board—discussion by F. M. Purser, D. M. Nelson, J. A. Barnhill. Motion failed to carry.

Motion made by J. A. Barnhill, seconded by E. D. Hurst, that the Commission ask the Convention to launch a clean-up-victory campaign looking to payment of all obligations and present needs. Discussion by Miss Traylor, C. H. Lipsey, F. M. Purser, D. C. Simmons, J. A. Barnhill. Substitute Motion made by J. A. Barnhill, seconded by F. M. Purser, (in order to get motion before the house). Substitute motion as follows: "In the light of the findings that we enter upon a clean-up-campaign that will meet all our denominational debts, bonded and otherwise, a total of \$1,079,120.16, that there be included monies for Headquarters Office, W. M. U., Baptist Record, State Missions, Education Commission obligations, support fund for Mississippi Woman's College, Southwide causes, Orphanage, and Hospital. Total preferred items \$160,000.00, the above program would absorb the Five Thousand Club this program to be projected on a three year basis. After preferred items are taken from receipts, all overage would be distributed on the basis of participating interests. Discussion by J. A. Barnhill, F. M. Purser, D. C. Simmons, E. D. Hurst, D. M. Nelson, L. T. Lowrey, W. W. James, J. W. Middleton, W. E. Holcomb, Mrs. Gilfoy, W. D. Cole. Motion lost. Request came from W. E. Holcomb that his vote be recorded in favor of the above motion.

Referring to the above request for \$10,000.00 for General Support Fund, motion made by J. D. Davis, and seconded by J. A. Barnhill, that this matter be approved by the Commission and recommended to the Convention. Discussion by E. D. Hurst, J. D. Davis, C. Z. Holland. Substitution offered by F. M. Purser, seconded by D. M. Nelson. Motion as follows: "Recognizing our duty and obligation to our denominational program and believing that any increase in our present indebtedness will hurt the entire work, and believing that a Convention subsidy of \$10,000.00 to Mississippi Woman's College for the 1940-41 session will not really solve the problem of Mississippi Woman's College; the Commission of Twenty cannot see its way clear to recommend that the Convention grant this \$10,000.00 subsidy. Discussion by F. M. Purser, E. D. Hurst, J. A. Barnhill, W. D. Cole. Motion carried.

Motion was made by D. M. Nelson and seconded by W. W. James that we urge all Mississippi Baptists to participate, according to the will of our Lord and their ability, in the present intensified Five Thousand Club Plan, looking to the payment of all debts. Motion carried.

W. E. Holcomb requested that his vote be withdrawn until after disposition of Woman's College matter.

Motion made by W. W. James and seconded by D. M. Nelson that the Steering Committee work out a suggested program to present to the Commission at a later meeting.

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COMMISSION OF TWENTY—

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Motion carried.

Motion made by E. D. Hurst and seconded by L. T. Lowrey that Chairman be instructed to call a meeting at his discretion. Motion carried.

J. D. Davis made motion to adjourn, seconded by J. W. Middleton. Motion carried.

Commission adjourned at 12:35 Friday morning. Closing prayer by D. A. McCall.

Meeting of The Commission of Twenty Held in Baptist Headquarters Office, Thursday, April 25, 1940, 2:00 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. B. Pierce and opened with prayer by C. H. Lipsey.

C. H. Lipsey was appointed acting secretary in the absence of W. G. Mize.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following members were present: A. B. Pierce, D. M. Nelson, W. W. James, D. C. Simmons, J. W. Middleton, W. D. Cole, L. T. Lowrey, F. M. Purser, D. A. McCall, C. Z. Holland, Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Miss Fannie Traylor, Mrs. Ned Rice, and W. N. Taylor, (acting for W. G. Mize.)

Absent: W. E. Holcomb, E. D. Hurst, W. W. Venable, J. D. Davis, J. A. Barnhill, W. G. Mize. (W. W. Venable and J. D. Davis sent telegrams of regret).

The following recommendations of the Steering Committee were presented to the Commission:

1. That the Commission of Twenty recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention a continuance of the NOW CLUB PLAN for the liquidation of the Convention indebtedness. Motion was made by D. M. Nelson, seconded by C. Z. Holland, that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

2. Having information before it to the effect that it is probable that Mississippi Woman's College may be temporarily suspended the Commission suggests that the Commission of Twenty recommend to the Convention, in case of the temporary suspension of the College, the appointment of a committee to handle the property and the endowment of Mississippi Woman's College, and until further order of the Convention, to use any Mississippi Woman's College endowment income for liquidation of indebtedness of the College. Motion was made by L. T. Lowrey, seconded by W. W. James, that this recommendation be postponed until a later meeting. Carried.

3. The Committee finds alumnae debts at Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College, such debts having been made for substantial and permanent improvements on the school premises, and is an asset of the school in each case. It is shown that these debts are without legal status but are recognized as moral obligations of Mississippi Baptists; therefore, the Committee recommends to the Convention that plans be set in operation to pay the debts, such plans to be worked out by the Education Commission and the Board of Trustees of each of the two schools, not to conflict with any other Convention plans. Motion was made by F. M. Purser, seconded

by D. C. Simmons, that the recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

4. Our Committee observes that an intensified local church program on the order of the Church Loyalty Campaign contributes to a growing work and increased gifts to all causes and greatly magnifies our mission and evangelistic efforts, and means the progress of our denomination. We therefore recommend that the Convention promote to the fullest extent and encourage in every possible way Church and pastor to accomplish the local church program. Motion was made by D. M. Nelson, seconded by L. T. Lowrey, that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

5. Due to the fact that such a large percent of the money contributed to denominational causes comes in designated, and since we believe that all phases of our work can be cared for more equitably and systematically through the Cooperative Program, we therefore recommend that our people be encouraged to give through the Cooperative Program, and if necessary special tracts be prepared for distribution that will magnify the Cooperative Program, and that special emphasis be given to same at all of our associational meetings and evangelistic conferences. Motion was made by L. T. Lowrey, seconded by J. W. Middleton, that this recommendation be adopted. (Discussion by W. N. Taylor, Miss Traylor and D. A. McCall). Motion carried.

The following additional recommendations were presented to the Commission by the Steering Committee:

1. The Commission of Twenty recommends that the Convention reiterate the position taken for several years, that no additional debts be made by any agencies of the Convention. It is further recommended that the Convention positively go on record, stating that in case any agency whatever, in any wise related to the Convention's work, makes further debts without first securing definite approval of the Convention, then the Convention will not consider itself either morally or legally bound for such indebtedness. Motion was made by F. M. Purser, seconded by W. D. Cole, that this recommendation be adopted. Carried.

2. Since it is evident that there is immediate and urgent need for the use of every possible right effort in continuing to emphasize personal freedom and separation of Church and State: THEREFORE, the Commission of Twenty recommends that the Convention express regret that Mississippi College has even indirectly received use of a stadium constructed at governmental expense; and that the Convention instruct the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College to work out a plan by which the College will repay the United States Government for the stadium. Motion was made by F. M. Purser, seconded by D. C. Simmons, that this recommendation be adopted. Discussion by D. M. Nelson, W. W. James, F. M. Purser. Motion lost.

The following recommendations suggested by W. D. Cole were presented by F. M. Purser:

1. We recommend that the Convention urge that all gifts of Mis-

issippi Baptists to the Convention and her agencies be sent through the offices of the Convention Board. Motion made by W. W. James, seconded by D. C. Simmons that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

2. We recommend that the Convention authorize and instruct the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention Board to employ one auditor or auditing company, who will audit the books of the Convention Board and of all the agencies of the Convention. Motion made by W. D. Cole, seconded by J. W. Middleton, that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by F. M. Purser, seconded by D. C. Simmons, that a telegram be sent to Dr. W. E. Holcomb, in reply to a telegram from him asking if there would be a night session of the Commission, stating that there would be no night session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by W. D. Cole, seconded by W. W. James, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed by prayer, J. W. Middleton, leading.

Minutes of A Meeting of The Commission of Twenty, September 2, 1940.

The Commission met on the above date in the office of Secretary McCall with the following present: A. B. Pierce, chairman, D. A. McCall, F. M. Purser, Mrs. Ned Rice, L. T. Lowrey, W. E. Holcomb, Miss Fannie Traylor, J. A. Barnhill, J. W. Middleton, D. C. Simmons, W. D. Cole, C. Z. Holland, John D. Davis, E. D. Hurst, and W. N. Taylor, proxy for W. G. Mize. Mr. Davis led in prayer.

The secretary, W. G. Mize, being absent, W. N. Taylor was elected temporary secretary.

C. Z. Holland reported for the steering committee as follows: (1) that no recommendation be made for a change in the time of holding the annual Convention; (2) that a recommendation be made that the fiscal year should close at midnight, September 30, that audits of institutions and agencies be made immediately thereafter, and that a summary of such audits be printed in the Baptist Record two weeks before the annual Convention, and (3) that in view of the temporary suspension of Mississippi Woman's College, a recommendation be made to the Convention that a committee be appointed to act as trustee of the property and endowment of the College, and until further order of the Convention, this committee be authorized and instructed to use any income derived from the property and endowment for liquidation of the indebtedness of the College.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the former action of the Commission as to the time of holding the annual Convention be reconsidered, and upon reconsideration, motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that no recommendation be made as to the time of holding the Convention.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made that the fiscal year close at midnight September 30th, that audits of institutions and agencies be made immediately there-

after, and that a summary of such audits be printed in the Baptist Record two weeks before the time of the annual Convention.

On motion and second, item 3 of paragraph 3 above was adopted, all members present and voting, voting in the affirmative except two members.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Commission include in its report to the Convention the following, and that the same be printed in the Baptist Record: 1. A full record of the minutes of the meetings of the Commission. 2. All recommendations of the Commission agreed upon to be made to the Convention.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made that the Convention instruct the Convention Board to make a re-study of B. S. U. work, and to make as large an appropriation as possible for this work.

J. A. Barnhill submitted to the Commission a tentative outline of a minority report which he intended to submit to the Convention, the substance of which was an enlarged finance program for Convention and institutional debts and for all objects promoted by the Convention. The plan proposes the collection of \$2,500,000.00 over a period of five years. Motion was made and seconded that the minority report be adopted as the majority report. All members present and voting, voted in the negative except three members.

There being no further business, on motion and second, the Commission adjourned. D. A. McCall led the closing prayer.

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Dr. C. F. Aked, once pastor in Liverpool, England, afterwards pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, and now of Los Angeles, Calif., was formerly a widely-known pacifist. During the first World War he sailed on Henry Ford's "Peace-Ship" to try to stop the war. Now he writes: "Peace-lovers, peace-makers we may be, carrying with us to our graves a passionate hatred of war, a devoted and consecrated passion for peace, but I see nothing in the world to be gained by a few individuals lying down to have their throats cut in the belief that this somehow will bring a time when there will be no more throat-cutting . . . Non-resistance seems to me unthinkable." —Watchman-Examiner.

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THANKS

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We the pastor and members of Mizpah Church, Rankin County, wish to express our appreciation to the members of other churches for their cooperation in preparing dinner and entertaining the association. The dinner was in abundance and the spirit was fine. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed himself. The messages were inspiring and edifying. Certainly the church will be stronger.—H. B. Speights.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma speaks with approval of the measures taken by the government for National Defense. But says these do not go far enough. The physical preparations are worthless without inward moral preparedness. Here is a part of what Editor Routh says:

Someone called attention to the fact that over the country we are singing, "God Bless America," and asked: Should God bless America when one home in every four is touched by crime, when there are approximately five million criminals, when there is one divorce for every six marriages, when a majority of arrests made are due to liquor, when billions of dollars are squandered every year in drinking and in gambling and other forms of vice, and we may add, when the liquor traffic is legalized in nearly every state?

We have not gone far enough in providing an adequate defense program until we heed the admonition of God's Word: "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

If we do not heed God's Word, if we do not turn to him in repentance and supplication, material defense programs will not ultimately save us. If we disregard God's messengers of mercy and go on down the highways of iniquity at high speed, we may expect to have repeated the words of Holy Writ: "Until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people till there was no remedy." The Holy God is omnipotent, and deliverance is in his hand for his people when they turn to him with all their hearts and seek to know and to do his will.

We should do that and more. We should, as far as possible, provide a Christian atmosphere for the thousands of our young men who go into army camps. Here is a challenging and compelling missionary call to American Baptists. The commanding officer of the Forty-fifth Division, Major General W. S. Key, is a fine Christian man, a member of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City! and we believe that he and others will cooperate in constructive missionary service to the soldiers in every way consistent with Government regulations.

NOTICE TO WOMEN OF SIXTH DISTRICT

For our directed personal service for October, it is my hope and prayer that every woman who is not enlisted in active missionary and church work, will be visited by at least one enlisted woman, and urged in Christ's name to "Enlist for Service for Him."

Each church please report number women visiting to your county chairman, and chairman please report to me.

Mrs. H. E. McCormack
Pachuta, Miss.

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY NEWS

A graduate student at the age of seventeen is the remarkable record of Miss Virginia Morgan, daughter of Baptist missionaries to Brazil and now enrolled at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She attended the Collegio Baptista Brasileiro in Brazil and came to America three years ago to take her A. B. degree at Louisiana College. Her parents, the F. A. R. Morgans, Baylor graduates, have been in Brazil 22 years.

Dr. L. L. Carpenter of Baylor University was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Teachers of Bible and Religious Education at a recent meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C. Other officers are Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest College, vice president, and Dr. H. C. Garwood of John Stetson University, secretary - treasurer. Dr. Carpenter served as the association's president in 1932-33 also.

Four French-Canadian sisters, the Vincent girls of Nunez, La., especially talented as a quartet for the singing of religious songs, have enrolled in Baylor University at Waco, Texas, the "discovery" at a Baptist encampment last summer of Baylor President Pat M. Neff.

The four girls, born of Canadian parents, speak French fluently and conduct their daily devotionals over a French Bible. All four are freshmen in Baylor, and are majoring in Bible and planning to devote their lives to religious work.

Entertaining the descendants of England's great poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, as Mrs. Charles Arthur Tennyson and her two children flee the European war, will be the privilege of Baptist Baylor University at Waco, Texas. Daughter Patricia will be a Baylor student.

The Tennysons will be guests of Dr. Christine Fall of the Baylor English faculty at her country home near Waco. Miss Fall was guest in the Tennyson home during two summers as she prepared a doctorate dissertation on the family's distinguished ancestor.

The refugees are bringing with them many of the treasured manuscripts and personal belongings of Frederick Tennyson, poet and elder brother of Lord Tennyson. Frederick's wealth, making publication of his poems unnecessary, caused him to gain lesser fame than his younger brother.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Southwide Baptist Student secretary, is in a youth revival for Baylor University students, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor. (Date of meeting, Sept. 20-27.)

Dr. J. B. Tidwell, head of the Bible department at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, reports a fall registration of 550 students taking Bible courses. This is a record for the department. Similarly, the beginner's course in New Testament Greek had to be closed with the record enrollment of 51 students.

BYRAM

We have enjoyed the best spirit at Byram now of any time since it has been my pleasure to serve as pastor. Every organization is growing and making definite plans for a larger work during the coming year.

We just closed a most successful revival with Rev. Wayne E. Todd from Hattiesburg and B. B. I. preaching. The church was drawn together in Christian love during those days with him. Brother Todd is one of God's choicest young preachers and he is being used in a great way. We had seven additions during the week, making a total of twenty-four new members that we have welcomed into our church during the year. When I went there in January I was happy to find the Record in every home. I know that it is definitely responsible for a great amount of the growth that has taken place. The members are anxious to get it and profit much from it. I will send you a list of new families in a few days.

Sedgie Pigott, Pastor.

HE BROUGHT HIS FRIENDS

In Militant Christianity, R. C. Campbell tells a striking story that comes out of the mission work in China. A blind Chinaman was taken to a hospital. The missionary doctor operated, removing cataracts from his eyes. He went back to his home seeing and rejoicing. In a few weeks he went back to the hospital. This time he was holding the end of a rope to which forty blind people were clinging. He had led them to the place where he had received his sight. Should we attempt to do less in a spiritual way?

Motorist who went through the drought-stricken Middle West last summer brought back some prize winning stories of incidents along the route. One told of a conversation he had with an old settler at a filling station in one of the most arid districts.

"Looks as though we might have rain," remarked the tourist.

"Well, I hope so," replied the old native, "not so much for myself as for my boy here. I've seen it rain."

It was Timothy's first day at school. He walked up to the teacher's desk and announced, "I ain't got no pencil."

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CLARKE MEMORIAL

Clarks Memorial College Ministerial Association has begun its year of activities, and looks forward to a season of effective and fruitful service for the Master. Under the leadership of President W. L. Warren and Extension Director Eugene Roberts, many places where the student preachers may serve are being secured. There are now two places where regular services are being held. Each Monday night a group of students sing and preach at the N. Y. A. school here. A group visits Forest each Saturday afternoon holding services on the court house square. We have already seen the surrender of one young man in these services. We hope to win many more to Christ through our efforts this year, and we covet the prayers of all Christians as we try to do our Master's bidding.

L. C. Hoff, Reporter

MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA.

The Baptist Church in Muscle Shoals City, Alabama, a full-time church of which Rev. Clarence Palmer is pastor, has been awarded for the second year in succession the recognition of a Standard Sunday school by the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. Since the beginning of 1935 Rev. Clarence Palmer in addition to pastoral and evangelistic work and his travels that have taken him to Cuba, Mexico, Canada and from California to New York, has conducted more than 500 mission services in jails, penitentiary, CCC camps, county poor homes and work among the colored people. There were about 1,000 requests for prayer and about 300 professions made in these mission services.

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THE EFFECTS OF THE USE OF INTOXICATING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AS A BEVERAGE

By Beatrice Walley
Clarke College

Beverage alcoholic, because of its widespread use, is our major narcotic problem in the world today. The safety of every American youth lies in the solution of this problem. No mother or father would be willing to give a son or daughter to satisfy the liquor interest, but with what we know of the present no one can be certain as to the future of our boys and girls. We, as citizens, must realize the effect of alcoholic beverages as a source of social contamination and refuse to have anything whatsoever to do with it. Alcohol has wrecked more nations, homes and lives than perhaps any other one thing. Millions of children and young people are not getting a fair chance at the privileges and opportunities of life because of the expenditures on liquor.

Beverage alcohol deprives an individual mentally, physically and morally of his rights as a worthy citizen. It deadens the finer sensibilities toward the acquired attainments of culture and civilization. The mental condition of a person is affected greatly by the use of alcohol. The organ which suffers most from alcohol poisoning, both acute and chronic, is the brain. Sometimes convulsions are caused, especially in epileptics. Double vision is sometimes caused by disturbance of muscular apparatus of the eye. Finally, the spinal cord is frequently affected by alcohol, leading to neuralgia, neuritis and even paralysis. It is habit forming, lessens muscular power and injures the protoplasm of the body, which makes it a cell-poison. No employer really wants a person who indulges in alcohol because he is aware of the fact that there is a decided decrease in his mental efficiency. It reduces the learning ability and intelligence and the ability to think quickly.

Great as are the physical effects of beverage alcohol, the greatest condemnation is that it "dulls the soul's preception." One who opens the door to physical appetites such as drink, closes his ear to the voice of the finer sensibilities. Alcohol is a protoplasmic poison, and injuries or kills life-cells when it gets into the blood it reaches every tissue of the body. It absorbs moisture from the mucous membrane of the mouth; of the stomach and deters function of the liver. Alcohol is often the cause of chronic diseases of the liver and stomach and a hardening of arteries, of tuberculosis and mental disturbances. It slows down the movements of oxygen in and carbon dioxide out of the body, and benumbs the white corpuscles. Unpleasant consequences always follow the use of alcohol as a beverage. Even a so-called moderate dose of alcohol increases the rapidity of the heart beat and is injurious to the heart muscles. It lowers the blood pressure. It devitalizes the tissues so that the body cells are less able to resist microbe invaders, and brings about higher death rates in both pneumonia and tuberculosis. Alcohol hinders heal-

ing, in cases of accident or surgery, and slows down the fighting powers of the white blood corpuscles in illness, therefore lessens the ability of a person to recover from diseases. It affects the life-germ plasm so that it is not normal. The use of alcoholic beverages is not necessary to physical well-being, and the alcohol habit is a created and not a natural one.

We are all familiar with the practice called "social drinking." It has become a daily habit among millions of people in our country. Alcoholic beverages are always kept and when friends drop in, they are usually served. At their social functions alcoholic beverages take the place of harmless refreshments. There is almost certain to be serious physical, mental, and social damage done to all who indulge in regular social drinking. Alcoholic beverages has a tendency to unfit men and women for marriage and parenthood. The drinking of alcoholic beverages on the part of boys and girls, unmarried men and women has been the largest single factor in their moral undoing. It can so damage the protoplasm that children born from alcoholic parents may have a definite weakness toward alcohol. It is one of the greatest factors in promoting divorce; it brings about more mistreatment of wives and children on the part of drinking husbands and fathers than any other thing. It destroys the peace and happiness in homes needed for the proper rearing of children. It produces a lack of respect for the father that should characterize his children. Alcohol is a recognized cause of crime and social injury. It is a generator of crime. It paralyzes the higher brain-centers which control conduct. A large percentage of our suicides are the results of the use of alcoholic beverages. Last year fifty per cent of the murders in Mississippi were due to alcohol. What alcohol will do to excite a murder in Mississippi, it will do in Maine, or California. Half of the automobile deaths are due to the drinking of alcoholic beverages. Millions of people are going to insane asylums every year because of alcohol. Judgment and self-control is affected by the use of alcohol, thereby causing people to do things they would never do were they not influenced by it. It was discovered in life long before the scientists discovered it in the laboratory the destructive, deventanizing, and disintegrating influence of alcoholic beverages on character and manhood. According to reports, 75 per cent of venereal diseases, including syphilis, was contracted while under the influence of alcohol.

In deciding on whether to drink or not to drink young people, who have such a keen sense of appreciation for everything that is genuine, should think in terms of a wholesome, human race and fully appraise the final consequences of the use of alcohol upon them as individuals and as the propagators of the new generation which must eventually shape the destiny of mankind.

Almost 2300 students had enrolled at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., at the close of the first week of the fall session.

GRACIOUS REVIVALS

At Mt. Manna Church, Tate County, Rev. Jas. H. Oakley of Memphis preached and H. B. Vinson led the singing. Much interest was shown throughout the meeting. The church was revived, the Sunday school took on new life. There were nine additions, 8 by baptism. The Sunday school adopted the Every Family plan, sending the Record to all the members.

Early in August the Gray's Creek Church, DeSoto County, held its meeting with H. B. Vinson preaching and Rev. L. Hall leading the singing. There were six additions by baptism.

Next was the meeting at Locke Station Church, Panola County. Rev. H. B. Vinson preached. There was good interest; the church greatly revived, and 22 were added to the church, 12 by baptism.

Lastly the Macedonia Church, DeSoto County, held a good meeting. Rev. J. H. Thomas of Halls, Tenn., preached and H. B. Vinson led the singing. The people were responsive. There were four additions, three by baptism. The church has adopted the Every Family plan.—V.

The Sallis Baptist Church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary the 29th of September with a home-coming. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited and urged to come. The day's entertainment will be furnished by the church. The program will include special music, church history, messages by N. H. Roberts, C. Z. Holland, and former pastors; also burning the note on pastor's home.

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When Is Thanksgiving Day?

We have the same worry we had last year, the possibility of two days to be observed as Thanksgiving Day. Last year we chose the first thinking that because the President and Governor both had declared November 23rd as the day all schools would observe it. We found that most of them did not and so the teachers and young people could not attend the convention. This year we have the same problem. The President and Governor have both declared November 21 as the day, now what are the schools going to do? We would like to know. We want to have our Convention on the holiday week end, and so give all who are off duty that day the opportunity to attend. Drop us a card as soon as you read this and tell us when your school will observe Thanksgiving!

Laurel Is Making A Good Ready

We were in Laurel for a conference with some of the leaders this week and found them already making ready for the coming convention. Laurel is a good city to visit. It is a friendly city with a host of loyal, progressive Baptists. You will enjoy your stay with them, and then the program being planned is going to be worth a long trip to see and hear. Just keep an eye open and you will see the date announced RIGHT SOON.

Jones Co. Associational B. T. U. Director Lining Up Her Forces

Miss Jimmie Reese, Associational Training Union Director for Jones Co. is lining up her forces for the coming convention. They have a meeting planned for early in October and at this meeting they will launch a "Pre-registration" campaign. They expect to register more than 1,000 in Jones Co. before the convention meets Thanksgiving week-end. This is a fine service and in keeping with the plans Hinds-Warren had the last two years. We hope every Baptist in Jones Co. will cooperate and register before the convention is held.

Yes It Will Be A Big Five Affair

It has become necessary to have five conventions in one as we meet for our State gathering. Of course we will meet in general assembly for part of the time, but we will also have five separate conventions, one for the Adults, one for Young People, one for Intermediates, one for Juniors and one for the Story Hour. Plans are being made to give the leaders the very best help possible. Some of the strongest Training Union workers (strongest in point of knowledge and ability to give out the knowledge) to be found are to be with us for the convention. We covet for every leader in the state the privilege of receiving this help. County the days-save your dimes, and come.

Hotel and Home Rates For The Convention

Laurel boasts of one of the finest hotels in the entire country, all newly furnished and they have given us a splendid rate for the convention. Single room \$1.50, room with twin beds two to a room \$1.25 each, rooms with more than two to the room \$1.00 per person. All rooms quoted with bath. Homes will offer beds at 50c per person. There are many splendid cafes so you will find the comforts of a large city and at low cost. If you want reservation at the hotel, write for it early, The Pinehurst Hotel, Laurel, Miss. Those desiring home accommodations will not need to make reservation ahead of time.

Watch The Record For More Detailed Announcements From Week To Week.

You Would like To Have This Album, Who Wouldn't?

The Baptist Sunday School Board has gotten out a beautiful album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries. This carries the picture and personal information about each of the 455 active missionaries and 69 who are on the emeritus list. It sells for \$1.00 at The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. It is a beautifully bound, dark red cloth, stamped in gold, 143 page book that will grace any home and do a lot of good missionary teaching to the children.

Young People's Night in our churches is set for November 10th. Keep alert for announcements.

This begins the new quarter, please let us have your reports as soon as possible. To those who have not been sending in the quarterly report, you will find a full page blank for your use in the back of the Quarterly.

Brother Haynie Resigns

After six rather fruitful years and the completion of a beautiful and modern church building. I feel that my definite task here is finished.

I have resigned the work here and will be available for other work after October 15th.

We now have a modern church plant a nice brick parsonage. Some of "The Salt of The Earth" are in the church here.

It has been a joy to serve these good people as pastor. I have served as the Board member from Holmes County, also, as Associational Sunday School Supt.

I must say a word of appreciation for the fine work and co-operative spirit of the Building Committee, composed of Mr. W. P. Taylor, R. E. Irby, J. T. Neely and Mrs. S. C. Ray.

May our Heavenly Father lead them in securing His man to lead this good church to greater things.

W. R. Haynie

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE NEWS LETTER

Sent out by W. O. Lewis, Gen. Sec.
715 Eighth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From sources considered to be reliable, a few bits of news have been received.

Great Britain

On September 10 the following cablegram was received by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in New York and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia:

"Mission house wrecked by bomb today."

This cable was sent by Rev. B. Grey Griffith, Home Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. The building was in the East Central district of London at 19, Furnival Street. Most of the records had been removed from London before attacks on London began.

The Baptist Times of London reported in the issue of August 22 that a Baptist church in London had been wrecked.

Poland

When the Russians took possession of Eastern Poland, they closed a Baptist old people's home and an orphans' home. Some chapels were closed and several pastors were arrested. Some were removed from their fields to parts unknown. Some of those who were removed have been permitted to return. Some are still in prison. One Baptist pastor from Eastern Poland has been banished to Asiatic Russia.

France

Four Baptist chapels were wrecked in France. Two pastors served as chaplains in the French army. One of these was captured at Dunkerque and the other in Alsace. They have both been released. Most of the Baptists of France are in the occupied zone and it is very difficult for them to communicate with their brethren in the unoccupied area.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	1215	232
Jackson, Calvary	1059	
Jackson, Griffith	776	382
Jackson, Davis	231	114
Jackson, Southside	90	87
Clinton	405	
Clarksdale	457	183
Double Springs, Webster	108	
Bethlehem, Choctaw	23	
Bethlehem, Choctaw	30	
Florence	132	59
Wade, Sept. 15	55	40
Vicksburg, First	480	169
Bethlehem, Jones		
Sept. 15		60
Pascagoula	306	124
Pascagoula, 9-22	307	94
Lorman	20	
Lorman, 9-22	59	61
New Zion, Copiah	64	
Kreole, Sept. 15	81	44
Lumberton, Sept. 22	145	75
Kreole, 9-22	85	46
Lumberton	144	77
Bethlehem, Jones	110	64
Pilgrim's Rest, Copiah	132	97
Wade	65	40
Sardis	70	
Eden		29
Saltillo	77	41
Juniper Grove		103

MOTHER BERRY



United States Senator Pat Harrison will make the address honoring Mother Berry on her ninetieth birthday, November 16, which will be the occasion of the Blue Mountain College Homecoming this year.

In accepting the invitation to join in the celebration of Mother Berry's birthday Senator Harrison said, ".....all Mississippi honors the name and fine work of Mother Berry.....it will be very pleasing to me.....if I can on that occasion add my praises to her fine body of women it has sent forth throughout the country."

From Blue Mountain College
Mary Skilton, secretary.

Brotherhood, W. M. U. and	
Sunbeams	68
Greenville, Tabernacle	180 93
West Laurel 9-22	490 246
West Laurel	610 270
Eden	29
Columbus, First	1003 192
Columbus, First 9-29	704 203
Pass Christian	54
Dixie, Lebanon Asso.	59 47
Bethesda, Oktibbeha	37 27
Hattiesburg, Main St.	501 139
Crystal Springs	480 180
Bethesda, Oktibbeha	44

John E. Watson, 98, one of three Confederate veterans living in Pickens County, S. C., was baptized into the membership of the Second church on August 8. Because of his feebleness he was immersed while sitting in a chair.—Ex.

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